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by Dan Sanderson
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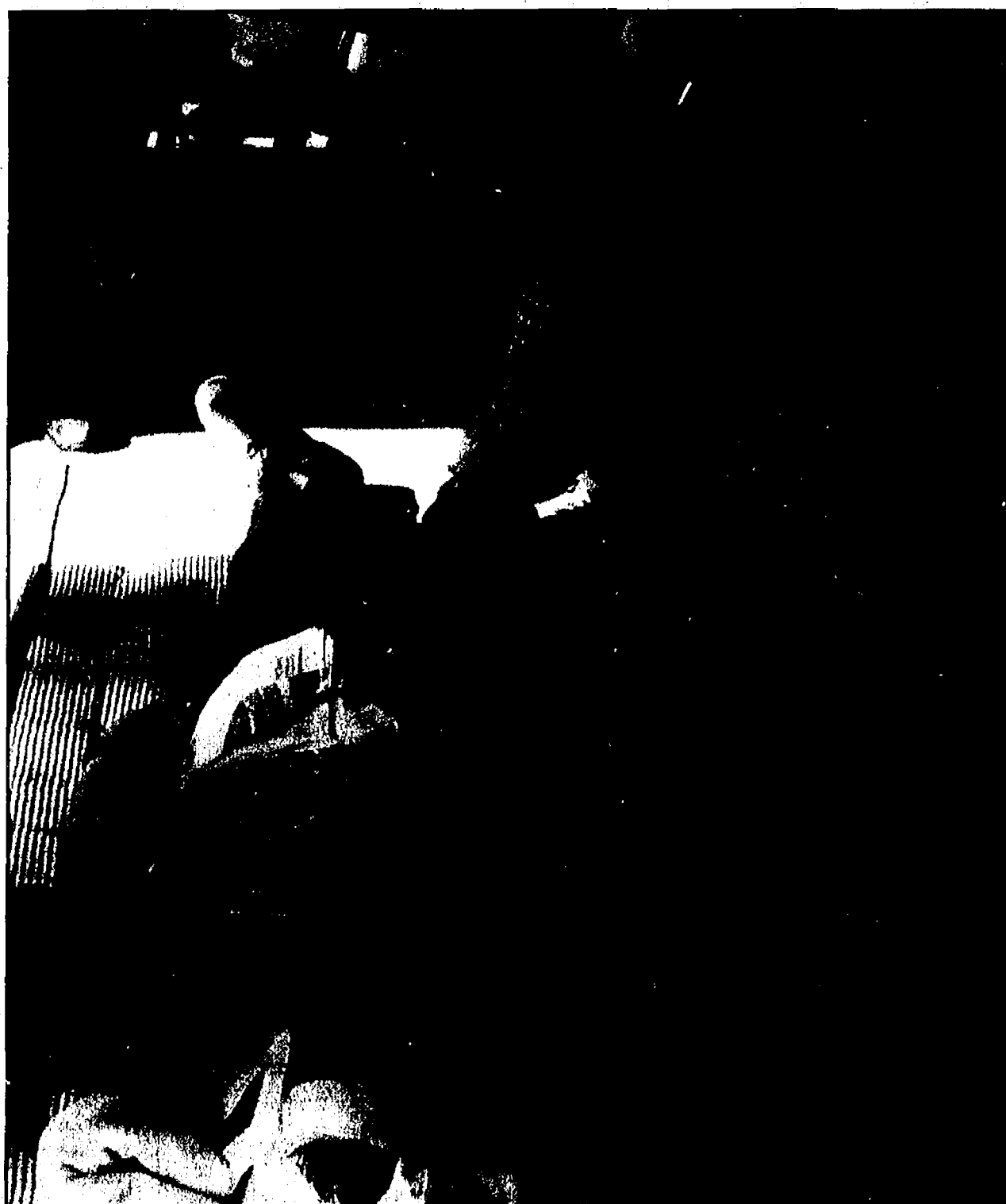
Just over two dozen volunteers from Crawford County went through basic training at Camp Grayling last weekend in order to be able to serve the community when battling wildfires or other emergencies.

The Community Emergency Response Team is being formed to serve Crawford County through the Michigan State Police's Emergency Management and Home Security Division's Seventh District. The Frederic Township Fire Department agreed to sponsor the formation of the team and EMT Mike Ruppert and David Pratt, an EMT specialist and fire department captain, agreed to lead the training efforts.

The Community Emergency Response Team will be called into action to assist police, firefighters or EMS. They will be called upon to help with basic medical care and triage during mass casualty incidents. They can also be assigned to handle traffic control, search and rescue operations and man emergency shelters and emergency operations centers.

"They're going to learn a little bit here and there and they're going to fill in the gaps for the EMS, police and firefighters during an emergency," said Doug Pratt, the Frederic Township Fire Chief.

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The Community Emergency Response Team is being formed to serve Crawford County through the Michigan State Police's Emergency Management and Home Security Division's Seventh District. Above, Community Emergency Response Team members learn basic first aid during a weekend training session at Camp Grayling.

Student count drops for Crawford AuSable Schools

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School District started the school year with a lower number of students than school officials anticipated.

The student count for the Crawford AuSable School District, taken on Wednesday, Sept. 24, was 1,778.45 students. The school district receives a state foundation allowance of \$7,316 for each full time equivalent student. The student count includes hours for preschool students and students enrolled in an adult education class operated in partnership with Mio AuSable Schools, accounting for the partial number of students for the formula.

The count is 49.55 less students enrolled in the district from June.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers said the drop in students was expected, but the lower student count spiked more than anticipated.

Powers attributed the brunt of the decline to families moving out of state due to the poor economic climate in Michigan. He said other students were lost when they or their families moved to live with families in downstate school districts. Finally, some high school students moved from the school district, opting to live with friends or family in other school districts.

"Virtually every school in the

north is losing students and many have lost more than we have," Powers said.

Yet, another factor in the decline in students is that the 2008 graduating class was larger than the number of kindergartners starting their education in the district. Powers said that state officials forecasted a drop of 25,000 students across Michigan, due to lower birth rates.

"We're about kids - that's why we are in business," Powers said.

Twenty-five percent of the school district's funding from the state is based on the spring student count, while the remaining 75 percent is based on the fall numbers.

The decline in students means the district will receive \$362,507 less from the state for the current school year. Powers said that school officials have already made budget adjustments to account for the drop in revenue, and more belt tightening will take place in the coming years.

Powers said that the school district's fall student count for 2008 was 2,200 students.

"It's still disappointing to have fewer students, but this is the general pattern for the next few years," Powers said. "We are well used to budget challenges and we have tremendous employees who are all doing a lot more. I'm confident that we'll be able to stand up to this latest financial challenge."

Fall colors nearly in full bloom

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Crawford County residents are seeing red. They're seeing a lot of orange and yellow, too. This week, multicolored fall leaves in the area should be close to their most vibrant, according to a local expert.

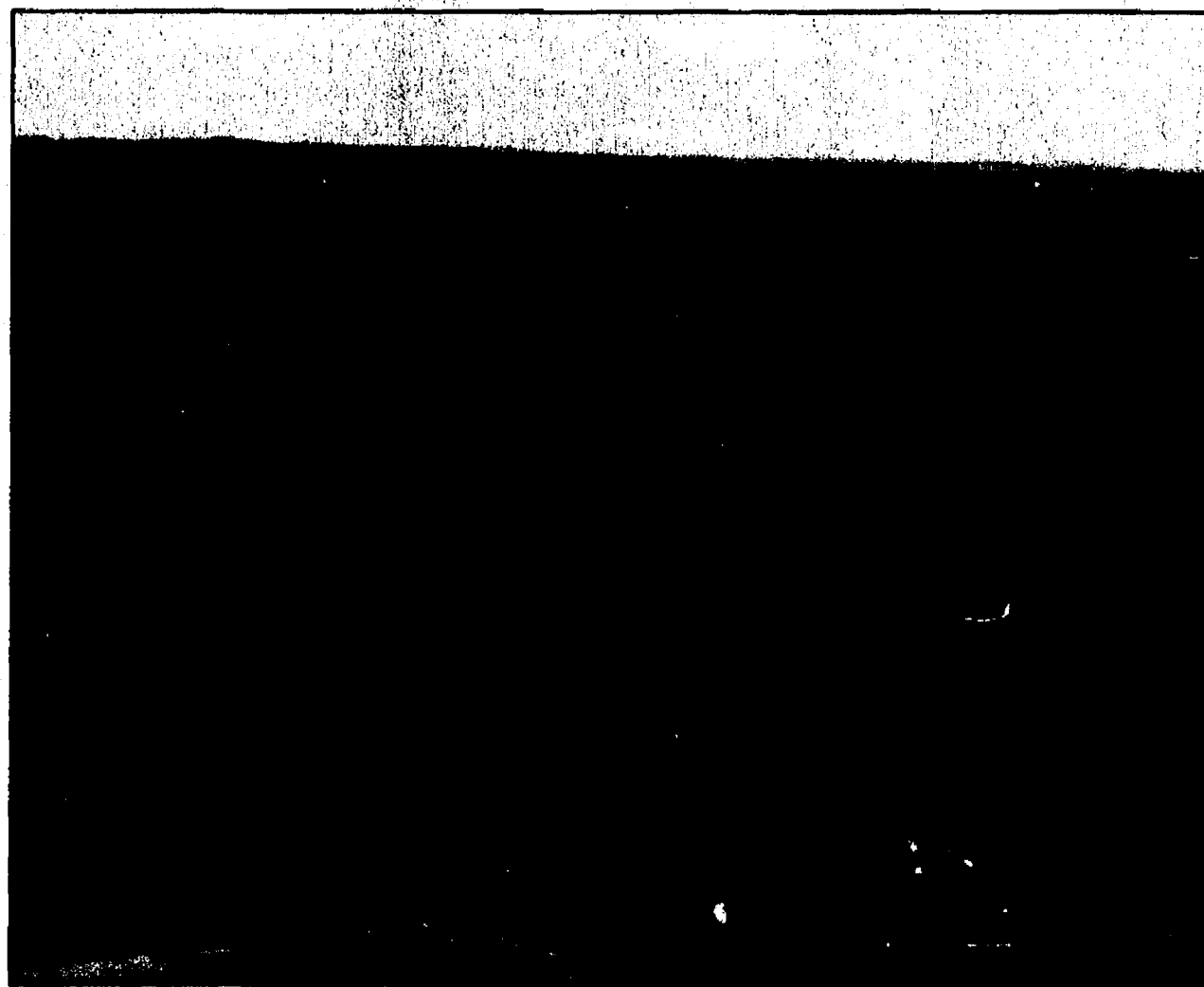
According to charts available on Michigan.org, fall colors peak from late September to mid-October in Crawford County. Colors will likely peak within about a week of when this article goes to press.

According to local forestry expert Russell Kidd, not all fall canvases are created equal.

"Overall sunny (conditions) tend to favor pretty good colors," said Kidd.

He said that fall colors are largely dependent on sunlight. As days get shorter and there is less sunlight, chlorophyll in the leaves breaks down, causing the color change.

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Grayling man has donated 32 gallons of blood to Red Cross

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Earning a one gallon pin is a special achievement for an American Red Cross blood donor. It represents eight pints of blood that has been used to save lives. But some people don't stop at just one. In fact, some people just don't stop at all. Grayling resident Al Etson donated his 32nd gallon of blood

on Sept. 3.

"As long as I'm alive and God's willing, I'll donate," said Etson.

He made his first donation in 1958 at the suggestion of his doctor. Etson had been suffering from severe headaches and he was advised that donating blood might help relieve the pressure.

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Al Etson shows off his 32 one-gallon donation pins. "I know that it goes for a good cause," said Etson.

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Back on Duty offers support to grandparents

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A group of grandparents, who have stepped up to the plate to raise their grandchildren, have been meeting at the Grayling Senior Center to provide support for one another.

The grandparents raising grandchildren program, "Back on Duty," is offered from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Mondays at the Grayling Senior Center. The support group is offered

through a partnership formed by the Crawford County Michigan State University (MSU) Extension, the Crawford County Commission on Aging and the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency's Head Start program.

The program offers a support group and educational and informational resources to grandparents who have been called upon to raise their grandchildren or whose grandchildren are living in their households and for other family members raising children for relatives.

According to 2000 Census information, over three million children live with their grandparents. In Crawford County, 179 grandparents are living in a household with their grandchildren and 49 grandparents are solely responsible for the upbringing of their grandchildren.

Whether due to job loss, military deployments or other family or personal issues, grandparents are asked to step into action to raise or help raise their grandchildren.

"They have all stepped up because they knew their grandchildren's well being was in jeopardy," said Linda Cronk, the director of the Crawford County MSU Extension.

Topics covered in the classes and support group include understanding their roles, managing their personal well being, refining parenting skills, building relationships, working with the schools and the community and managing finances. Speakers are also brought in to address legal issues and special needs children.

Terry Landon, who has a grandchild living in her house-

hold, said the classes and support group help her handle the day-to-day issues that are cropping up.

"Personally, what it's giving me is a place to air my feelings and I'm learning that I'm not all alone," she said. "In today's world, things have changed quite a bit from when we raised our kids."

The group of seniors is a tight knit bunch, Landon said, and sensitive legal and family issues discussed at the table are not discussed outside the class.

"Anything that is sensitive stays within the group," Landon said.

Cronk said that educational resources can be provided to grandparents whose grandchildren have gone through traumatic times.

"You have to modify your discipline because you don't want to re-traumatize them," Cronk said.

The initial Back on Duty classes were held last winter. The current program, which started in September, goes through Dec. 8.

Seniors involved in the program got together to bond and support one another over the summer and even arranged playdates and picnics for their grandchildren to allow them to bond.

"They're a real cohesive group and they support each other a lot," Cronk said.

Gilda and Mike Draper, of Houghton Lake, started coming to the Back on Duty meetings earlier this year after a similar group in Houghton Lake fizzled out.

Gilda Draper said she and her husband have adopted a grandson and are also helping raise a granddaughter. She said the

couple sold their home in St. Helen to provide more room for the grandchildren and her ailing grandmother.

Draper said the couple anticipated being able to travel and live out West when cold weather came, but stayed in Michigan to raise the grandkids. Draper said that her husband is dealing with issues from serving in the Vietnam War, while taking on the role of raising grandchildren.

"It was really nice to know we are not alone in this struggle," Draper said.

Draper said that she hopes the grandparents group grows, they continue to provide support and continue to learn with each other.

"We're almost relearning to be parents, but we're learning better parenting skills than when we were raising our own kids," Draper said.

Child care is provided through the Area Agency on Aging while the grandparents are attending the classes and support group. Additional Kinship Care funds are also available to help grandparents buy needed items and help support their grandchildren.

Alice Snyder, the director for the Crawford County Commission on Aging, said she is pleased to be able to offer the classes and support service for seniors.

"It's not just playing games and having meals together," Snyder said. "I want to be of service to all seniors in Crawford County in ways that they need support and this educational support group is part of that. We're constantly trying to do things to serve our seniors better and provide services to them."

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Pratt said that the Community Emergency Response Team

would have been an ideal resource to use for the April 24 wildfire that destroyed 1,345 acres of land south of Grayling. Pratt said the Community Emergency Response Team could have provided food, beverages and equipment to firefighters on the fire line.

"We could have really used that extra help," Pratt said.

About 28 volunteers have initiated the team, representing virtually all areas in Crawford County. Team members attended classes and learned basic search and rescue operations at Camp Grayling last weekend.

"We have a really good group of people that really want to do this and they are all gung-ho about it," Pratt said.

Team members were provided with backpacks, vests and equipment. There is \$15,000, provided through the state's Homeland Security Division, available for training and equipment.

Additional volunteers are welcome to join the team as police, firefighters and emergency responders provide more advanced training.

"The team will be taking part in our regular training instead of the weekend blitz," Pratt said.

Denyce and Ralph Krolczyk, who were formerly involved with the Red Cross at Camp Grayling, said they got involved with the Community Emergency Response Team through a recommendation from Crawford

County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield.

Ralph Krolczyk said that the team could handle traffic control, assist with basic investigations and help with search and rescue operations, especially during the upcoming snowmobile season.

"They only have so much manpower and they don't have the time to do all those things," Krolczyk said.

Getting involved with the Community Emergency Response Team was a family affair for Grayling resident Cheryl Starr. Doug Pratt is Starr's son-in-law, and her daughter, Nicole, is a Frederic Township Fire Department member. Starr's other son-in-law, Jason Dasho, is a safety officer for the Frederic Fire Department.

Starr said involvement in helping with emergency response efforts would help quell her anxieties during incidents such as the April wildfire.

"If they're out there, I would just like to know where they are at and, if they are in some kind of danger, I would like to help them out," Starr said.

Larry Akers, the emergency management and 911 director for Crawford County, said he was pleased to have another resource to call upon.

"I look forward to being able to use them where we can and where they are needed," Akers said. "Hopefully, it will help out and be a big asset to the community."

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Health officials stress rabies precautions

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

Health officials are encouraging Crawford County residents to ensure that their pets are up to date with their rabies vaccinations and to limit exposure to wild animals due to a national shortage of the rabies vaccine for humans.

National, state and local health officials have changed their protocols for treating people who are exposed to rabies, or may potentially be exposed to the fatal disease, due to a decreased supply of the rabies vaccine.

The shortage was created when Sanofi Pasteur, a French vaccine manufacturer which supplies about half of the U.S. rabies vaccinations for humans, began renovating its rabies vaccine facility in June 2007. Before the project began, the company stockpiled enough vaccine to meet expected demand through mid-to-late 2009, when the facility is expected to come back on line. But, the company's projections were wrong and there was an increase in rabies among wild animals and demand spiked. At the same time, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration discovered manufacturing problems with the Novartis RabAvert vaccine. Novartis, another French company, had been supplying the other 50 percent of the U.S. market.

Due to the shortfall, only people being treated for post exposure to rabies are being given the vaccine, and risk assessments are urged by health department and hospital officials.

"People who need the rabies vaccine are getting it, so there certainly is no need for any panic," said Kelly Niebel, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Rabies is a viral disease of

mammals, including humans, that attacks the nervous system and is virtually always fatal if untreated. Rabies is spread when an animal or human is bitten by an infected animal, or if an infected animal's saliva comes in contact with broken skin or mucus membranes such as eye, nose or mouth tissue.

In Michigan, bats are the animal most often found to be infected with rabies. People often will know when they have been bitten by a bat, but their small teeth may not leave easily identifiable marks. Potential exposure also exists when a bat is discovered in the same room as someone sleeping or the room of an unattended child. If a person suspects potential exposure to bats, they are urged to contact their local health department.

Summer marks the busiest times for rabies exposure, so health officials have weathered this critical time of year as the national availability of vaccine increases due to increased vaccine shipments from French drug companies. As of Sept. 9, there have been 66 positive cases of rabies in Michigan.

"People can still get the vaccine, but we're judicious when to use it or not," said Dr. James Wilson, medical director for District Health Department #10 which covers Crawford County.

Wilson said that about two percent of wild animals in the Crawford County area are infected with rabies, lower than more urbanized areas where there is increased potential for more interaction between humans and animals.

Immediate symptoms of rabies include double vision and weakness since rabies impacts the body's central nervous system. Wilson said there have been few people who have survived being

exposed to rabies, including a Wisconsin girl who got the disease while handling a bat in a church in 2004.

"She was lucky she made it," Wilson said. "It's fatal and it's a horrible way to die. Once you get symptoms, it's too late."

Steps Michigan residents can take to prevent contracting rabies include not feeding, approaching or touching wild animals.

"They should not approach them, don't feed them and don't adopt them as pets as a good rule of thumb," Niebel said.

Parents are encouraged to never leave infants or young children alone with any animal and to teach children to never approach an unfamiliar or wild animal.

Homeowners are encouraged to install a chimney cap to prevent raccoons and other wild animals from living in their home. They should also be sure that their dogs, cats and ferrets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations. If a wild animal does bite a pet, the pet owner is urged to immediately notify their veterinarian and local health department.

"The big concern is people need to be cautious around animals," said Patty Walker, the director of emergency services for Mercy Hospital Grayling.

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



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by Richard Milliman

Candidates McCain, Obama reinforce impressions

THE FIRST presidential debate for 2008 now is history. How did the candidates perform?

As a more or less unbiased observer, my immediate conclusion is that Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama about broke even, an early view shared by many.

Sure, Obama supporters think he won the face-off, just as McCain supporters think their champion came out on top. If you were for Sen. Obama before the debate started, you probably still are. And if you were for Sen. McCain before the debate, it's likely you still favor him. If you were undecided, you probably still are in doubt.

A couple of post debate polls gave Mr. Obama a distinct edge. One poll said 51 percent of its poll group said Mr. Obama did a better job, while 38 percent gave the edge to Mr. McCain. In another poll, 39 percent said Mr. Obama won, 24 percent gave it to Mr. McCain, but 38 percent called it a tie.

The key for both candidates is that neither one committed any major boners. They didn't hurt themselves. In that way, they

both did indeed come out ahead.

DEBATE NUMBER one was planned to center on foreign affairs, but with the nation's attention focused on economic problems and the proposed federal bailout of troubled financial institutions, that plan did not hold up.

The first 40 minutes of the 90 minute debate was about bailout, mortgage foreclosures, failed banks, and the economy. Neither candidate scored significant points, plus or minus, in the economic dialogue.

The financial crisis, of course, defies understanding by most Americans, including me. We cannot comprehend the federal government putting up \$700 billion to help troubled banks, and how that's going to solve anything, especially how it would benefit ordinary people.

We are told if the government doesn't act, our economy faces disaster, we could be in for another 1929 and the great depression, or even worse, and nobody really knows how bad it could get.

Such frightening visions

remind me of the run up to the Iraqi invasion. We were warned of weapons of mass destruction, and chemical warfare, and terrorists trained and hidden in Iraq, and an added and unpredictable dictator toying with nuclear weaponry, and how we must act or who knows how bad it could get for Americans.

Is the scare of the economy more of the same? Probably not, but it sounds so familiar it makes me wonder. I went along reluctantly with our leaders six years ago (until the dire warnings proved to be either serious miscalculations or outright lies), and I will go along with our leaders reluctantly again today on the economy. But I still wonder.

Thus, most of the following impressions are related to how the candidates handled their thoughts on the original debate subject of world affairs.

JOHN MCCAIN did better than I thought he would, while Barack Obama performed as I expected.

Sen. McCain emphasized his experience, especially in international matters. He rattled off the

complicated names of a variety of foreign leaders, often difficult to pronounce, with verve and confidence; whether they were right, I have no clue. He told us how and where and how often he had met with each one and visited their countries during his 26 years in congress, and he painted these experiences as an advantage if he is president.

In the same breath, he diminished Mr. Obama's international experience, repeating time and again that Mr. Obama "just doesn't understand." For Mr. McCain, as an old Washington hand, this is a legitimate tactic, but to me he may have overplayed the whole idea, and maybe his condescending superiority complex even created some sympathy for Barack Obama.

BARACK OBAMA seemed to demonstrate a grasp of international trouble spots, but offered a more long-range and historical view of how things got to where they are today. He obviously had done his homework.

At one point, he referred to his vice presidential candidate, Sen.

Joe Biden, who has been in Congress longer than Mr. McCain, indicating he would lean heavily on Mr. Biden's extensive background in international affairs.

Despite Mr. Obama's lack of hands-on experience in dealing with international crises, he projected a confidence that he could handle the job as president. That's the most important result of the debate for Barack Obama.

He also frequently claimed that Mr. McCain misstated or misrepresented his actions or positions in several areas, but that is a continuation of the entire ongoing campaign between the two sides.

HERE ARE some overall perceptions:

Barack Obama seemed to focus more on the future than the past, with his hopes and plans for social and international programs and approaches; he seemed more concerned with the future than the present.

At the same time, John McCain's emphasis seemed to be on his past experiences, but he did not seem to apply them to

present problems; he seemed more concerned with the past than the future.

As noted above, Mr. Obama said he would rely on a Vice President Biden for guidance and help in world affairs, while Mr. McCain said a Vice President Sarah Palin would help him in reforming Washington. Again, one is a long range view, the other a short range focus.

At times, John McCain seemed every bit of 72 years of age, while Barack Obama exhibited signs of his more tender age of 44. Which does the voter prefer at the country's helm?

All in all, it was a good debate. Both men were relatively polite and cordial, and interruptions by one or the other were minimal.

Now it's off to the next presidential debate on Oct. 7.

But first is the vice presidential debate featuring Gov. Sarah Palin and Sen. Joe Biden on Thursday, October 2. That one is likely to bring more fireworks.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

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Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

RDCH wrote on Aug. 16 (regarding MMA event cancellation): "Congratulations to Superintendent Powers and the Crawford-AuSable School District! We live in a transitional period identified by less barbarism and more civility (ie, greater humanity). In such times, the clash of eras often demands making the correct decisions when facing mixed opinions. One of the jobs of community educators is always to lead the way in such endeavors. Joe Powers, like many of his predecessors, has shown himself to be a man of integrity and capable of making the right decision. I'm sorry for the few who are unable to comfortably make the 'shift' from one era to another, but the shift is demanded nonetheless. Further, while I applaud Dave Shepherd's desire to honor his hometown, identifying it as a violent, 'backwater', uncivilized den of 'braun over brain' is not the way to do so. While he has established some measure of identity through antiquated

behaviors, I'm sure this is not the hoped-for lessons of his teachers or CASD."

Joel wrote on Aug. 18 (regarding MMA event cancellation): "While an event like this might not be what 'every-one' has in mind, it is what some people consider entertainment. It will bring money to the community as well. If these fighters choose this sport, they are not any less of a person in any way whatsoever. If the school didn't want the fight this particular venue, then it should have had the rules set before New World Karate and Team Takedown were given the 'go-ahead.' It's one thing to say no...another thing entirely to say yes and then go back on your word."

Tom wrote on Aug. 21 (regarding MMA event cancellation): "Mr. Powers should step down. His entire administration while he's been in office has been an oxymoron and hypocritical at best! My favorite is when he sends the kids to school on days where the police won't even travel because of the ice, and he's worried about a black eye."

JH wrote on Aug. 29 (regarding downtown streetscape): "The traffic congestion near the spotlight is terrible and it's unsafe when backing out of the short little parking spaces, not to mention that it stops all traffic. This whole deal was pure genius at work. Hope whoever is doing the main business loop makeover listens to what people who have lived here their whole lives are saying. Doubt it though."

Captain wrote on Sept. 6 (regarding MMA event cancellation): "Organized school sports emphasize safety and teamwork. You must maintain a good GPA to participate. MMA does nothing to promote society. The goal of a fighter is to either knock your opponent unconscious or to make him submit by restricting his airflow or causing him so much pain as to quit. Having an event like this at a public school would be akin to having a square dance in a cemetery - poor taste. The superintendent should be applauded for making a great decision by cancelling the event."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good old Grayling

To the editor:

Good old Grayling. My downstate neighbors were up this last weekend (Sept. 26 - Sept. 28) working on their cabin and said, "boy, how do you all afford the gas up here?"

Downstate, it's about 55 cents a gallon cheaper. I know the owners of our local gas stations don't care about the locals, but why do they have to gouge their own townspeople? Some of the owners don't even live in Grayling. That's why they don't care! It's

a shame that the owners of some stations in Grayling have two other stations and our price is always the highest.

Oh, the neighbors said they won't be coming up as much any more. I have noticed that a lot of weekenders that used to come up to their cabins don't any more, or not as much.

I guess Grayling will just dry up and blow away some day thanks to our gas stations and the high price for propane.

James Liberty
Grayling

Casino could bring business to Grayling

To the editor:

Grayling needs to join all the other smart communities in need of business. All officials must get behind a small convention-hall type casino with slots only and a low overhead that returns a better payback to players.

There are a few fine locations in Grayling for such a casino. One good location would be Bear Archery. All city services are on-site and a modified building could be redesigned for

a convention-hall style, no frills casino with poker and blackjack machines that could be leased and no tables that require high-tech or electronic security.

Get the county, the state, businessmen and locals behind this project. Start a casino that will bring business to restaurants, motels, bars and store merchants. Investors will line up for a casino.

Dan Evans
Grayling

Historical Society needs help identifying photo



To the editor:

The Crawford County Historical Society would like some assistance in identifying this photo. We know that Camp Grayling assisted in getting the

caboose in place, but we would like to know exactly who the people in the photo are and possibly a date. You can call the museum, at 989-348-4461, with any information that you might have.

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche. Your views are welcome

on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words. Every letter must be signed and an address and

telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published. All letters are subject to

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VIEWPOINT

By Robert Tomlinson,
president of the Grayling
Visitors Bureau

The GVB's mission is to promote Crawford County

The Grayling Visitors Bureau (GVB) is compiling our annual Marketing Report in compliance with Michigan's Public Act 59. The GVB's mission is to promote Crawford County as a recreational destination with the intent of increasing overnight stays in member businesses, which will have a positive economic impact on the entire area. With promotion as our goal, the GVB is normally not involved in producing events, local marketing or infrastructure.

Included in the Marketing Report are the number of ways that the GVB marketed our members and area attractions during the past fiscal year. In the past year this included advertising in southern Michigan newspapers, the purchase of two billboards, brochure distribution with the state's Welcome Center, attendance at the Novi Snowmobile Show and Novi Outdoorama, hosting media tours and mailing of brochures, among other activities. The Marketing Report will be available for review and distributed to our members and various community leaders.

The GVB, consisting of 14 of the larger lodging properties in the county, will continue to promote tourism-related events through press releases and on the Web site at www.visitgrayling.net, which receives over 72,000 "unique visitors" and 116,000 "visits" each year. Our Executive Director, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, is always willing to answer questions regarding how our organization helps to promote the community. She can be reached at 348-4945 or at visit@grayling-mi.com.

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BRIEFS

Meet the Candidates Night to be held

"Meet The Candidates Night" will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at Kirtland Community College. The four candidates expected at the forum are incumbent state Rep. Joel Sheltrown (D) and challenger David Ryan (R), who are competing for the 103rd District seat, and Andy Neumann (D) and Peter Pettalia (R), both of whom are seeking the 106th District seat. This free program is open to the public. For more information, call 989-275-9555.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. The project will be creating picture frames from nature. For more information, call 348-8519.

Benefit spaghetti dinner to be held

A benefit spaghetti dinner for Terry and Stella Johnson will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m., at the American Legion. The cost for a family of five is \$20 or \$5 for singles. Dinner includes spaghetti, roll, salad, dessert and a drink. Carry-outs will be available. There will be a 50/50 raffle and an auction table. Call Billie Jo Miller, at 989-390-0758 or 989-390-7412, with any questions or donations.

Annual Blessing of the Animals to be held

On Sunday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m., St. Francis Episcopal Church, 6441 M-72 West, Grayling, will have its annual Blessing of the Animals service in honor of its patron saint, St. Francis. Any free will offerings given will be donated to the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter. All members of the community are invited. Each pet will receive an individual blessing prayer from the priest. If your pet does not tolerate crowds, you may bring a collar, a toy or a picture of your pet and a blessing prayer will be offered.

American Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will be holding their regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the American Legion Hall at noon.

State retirees to hold monthly meeting

The regular monthly meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Uptown Grayling to hold Harvest Fest

The Grayling Harvest Fest will be held on Oct. 4 and Oct. 5. Uptown Grayling will close its main street to host an Antique Tractor Show and a Farmer's Market, with an antique tractor parade beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. An Arts and Crafts Show, sponsored by the GPA, will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the AuSable Primary School. The Traverse City Model Railroad traveling exhibit and model train swap meet will be held at the old Northern Concepts building. Hayrides and public transit will be available to shuttle guests to events.

Cub Scouts sign up to be held

For boys in grades 6th - high school, interested in joining Boy Scouts, a Cub Scout/Parent Night will be held at the AuSable Primary School cafeteria on Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. The first pack meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m., in the AuSable Primary School cafeteria.

MARSP to hold meeting

The Crawford-Oscoda Chapter of Michigan Association for Retired School Personnel (MARSP) will hold its fall meeting at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. The program will be "Wildfire: Are You and Your Home Prepared?" presented by the DNR and the MSU Extension service. The cost is \$8 for the luncheon. Call Bob or Barb Summers at 344-1905 for reservations by noon on Oct. 3.

Animal Shelter Board meeting scheduled

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 3:30 p.m. at the shelter at the old Crawford County Fairgrounds. Nominations for one open board seat are being accepted from members in good standing. Fund-raising and holiday events will be discussed. Contact Cheryl, at 348-1429, for information.

DNR hosts open house at Hartwick Pines State Park

The Department of Natural Resources invites the public to attend public open houses, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 7, to review and comment on the future use and management of Hartwick Pines State Park.

Two public sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Both sessions will be held at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center in Hartwick Pines State Park.

The management plan is being developed by the DNR, in cooperation with public stakeholder input. It will guide the future uses and management of the park for the next 20 years. The public is invited to review a presentation on this management plan and provide comments.

"Hartwick Pines has a tremendous history," said Ron Olson, chief of DNR Parks and Recreation. "As part of the management planning process, we encourage the public to attend and be a part of the future plans for Hartwick Pines State Park."

Hartwick Pines State Park is located at 4216 Ranger Rd.,

northeast of Grayling at Exit 259 (M-93/Hartwick Pines Road Exit) off I-75 and three miles north off M-93.

For information about the management planning process, the open house, or persons with disabilities needing accommodations to attend, contact Troy Rife, district planner, at 231-775-9727, ext. 6012, at least seven days prior to this event. For information about the park, call 989-348-7068 (or TTY/TDD 711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired), or visit the Web site at www.michigan.gov/hartwickpines.

All motor vehicles entering a state park or recreation area must display a Motor Vehicle Permit, available for purchase at the entrance. Cost is \$24 for a resident annual permit and \$6 for a resident daily permit. A non-resident annual permit is \$29 and a non-resident daily permit is \$8.

The DNR is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural resources for current and future generations.

Kirtland to host alternative energy presentation

Officials at Kirtland Community College are inviting the public to be part of what they hope will be the first in a series of forums on alternative energy and conservation at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the G.I. Stewart Auditorium, also home of the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, on the college's main campus near Roscommon.

The free public forum will focus on wind generated power, with Paul Gotter, owner of the Log Haven bed and breakfast near West Branch, as the featured speaker. Gotter offers one-day seminars, "A Basic Introduction to Alternative Energy," the first Friday of each month.

"He runs his household on wind power, about 95 percent of it," said Kirtland President Dr. Tom Quinn of Gotter. "He's got a standard house and the basics - TVs, lights, computers - are all taken care of by it."

Gotter charges \$135 per person for his one-day seminars at his bed and breakfast, which he also markets as an alternative energy classroom. By offering it as a community education program through the college, Quinn and other college officials are hoping to help create a greater

awareness of alternative energy options available to area residents. There is no charge for the Oct. 7 event and anyone is welcome to attend.

"We want to make this information available to everybody," Quinn added. "I want to open this up to the public."

Due to sky-rocketing prices for heating oil, Kirtland officials are already researching potential alternative solutions to the college's ongoing energy needs. That has included looking at natural gas, wind, solar and geothermal energy sources.

"We could have seminars for each of these," said Tim Scherer, director of institutional facilities at Kirtland. "At the same time ... we will be looking at these and other alternatives at a different scale for possible application at the college."

"People need to know (alternative energy) is not out of reach," Scherer said. "People in northern Michigan can do this."

For additional details, contact Mark Burger, community education coordinator, by calling 989-275-5000, extension 276, or via e-mail at burgerm@kirtland.edu. Or, for more information on Kirtland, visit online at www.kirtland.edu.

GHS to hold college prep workshop series

The Grayling High School (GHS) will hold a series of college prep workshops for GHS seniors and juniors.

A Scholarship Search Workshop will be held Thursday, Oct. 9, from 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. in the GHS Media Center computer lab. Participants will explore various scholarship resources, register to receive notification of online scholarships, perform searches for specific scholarships and develop a log for tracking their activity. There are scholarships for specific careers, hobbies/interests, college/military, merit (GPA or test scores) and more, so all seniors should attend. To participate, you must sign up in the GHS counseling office by Oct. 7. Seniors and their parents will be given priority, however, juniors may attend if space permits.

The Resume/Interview/Portfolio Workshop will be Thursday, Oct. 13, from 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. in the GHS Media Center computer lab. Seniors should sign up in the GHS counseling office by Oct. 11. Participants will be given a survey to complete prior to the workshop and should bring the survey, and any previously developed resumes on a disk or flash drive, with them to the workshop. An overview of resumes/profiles, interviewing preparation and techniques, and portfolio components will be covered. Participants will have an opportunity to work on each workshop component. Juniors will be permitted to attend if space is available.

The Scholarship Application and Evaluation Process Workshop will be Thursday, Oct. 23, from 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. in the GHS Media Center. A panel of local, college and national scholarship reviewers will discuss the application and evaluation process. Seniors, juniors and parents may attend. Students should sign up in the GHS counseling office and include specific questions they would like panel members to address. There must be at least 20 signed up by Oct.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Sept. 28 of \$25 each: Al Krey, Terry Orr and Dennis Wallace.

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The Bible Speaks

Glory of Suffering

"17And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." (Romans 8:17).

Suffering gives one final proof of assurance of salvation to saints. "12Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Tim. 3:12). We see this reality of suffering in the words "if so be that we suffer with him." "If so be" is translated from the Greek word "ei per" which is also translated in 2 Thessalonians 1:6, "seeing it is" from the same Greek word. The words "if so be" mean "if it be so" or "since" we suffer with him.

Jesus Christ required the suffering of His cross to be a reality for every disciple. He said in Luke 14:27: "27And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." Jesus said in Luke 9:23: "...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." He said in Matthew 10:38: "...And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is

not worthy of me." Jesus said in Luke 9:24: "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." As Paul said in Galatians 6:14: "14But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

Not only is suffering a reality for every Christian, but also a relationship: "...that we suffer with him." "29For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake." (Phil. 1:29). "8We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; 10Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." (2 Cor. 4:8-10). "24Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church." (Col. 1:24).

Not only is there a reality and relationship in the suffering of every Christian, there is also a reason for suffering: "...that we may be also glorified together." Just as we have been

identified with Jesus Christ in His righteous life, suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, we shall also at His return become partakers of His glory. Jesus prayed in John 17:24: "24Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." God has told us in Romans 9:23 that He will, "make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory." "4When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." (Col. 3:4). Christ in you is the hope of glory. (Col. 1:27). "10But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you." (1 Pet. 5:10). Suffering gives Christians assurance of salvation now and the hope of His glory to come. Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES

Thaddeus K. DeVries
Feb. 26, 1971 - Sept. 24, 2008
Thaddeus Karl DeVries, 37, of Grayling, passed away on September 24, 2008.

He was born in Grand Rapids, on February 26, 1971, to Karl Marcus and Angelia Kathleen (Andrus) DeVries.

The family moved to Grayling from the Cedar Springs area in 1984.

He was a 1990 graduate of Grayling High School.

He enjoyed walking, riding his bike, friends, riding with police officers and was very generous and giving to his friends.

He was a member of Heritage Baptist Church, he knew and loved the Lord, was confident he was going to heaven and would want others to know this. He also enjoyed church music.

He is survived by his parents, Karl and Angie; sister, Kathryn DeVries of Grayling; brother, Jonathan DeVries of Grayling; special friend, Harmonie Ponder of Grayling, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral was held on September 27, at 10 a.m., at Heritage Baptist Church in Grayling with Pastor Ernie Wagner officiating.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling. Memorial contributions may be made to Heritage Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Michael Flynn

Dec. 4, 1942 - Sept. 28, 2008
Michael Flynn, 65, of Standish, passed away on September 28, 2008.

He was born on December 4, 1942, the son of the late Burton and Beulah (Hutchinson) Smith.

He was the husband of Darlyne K. (Rathbun) Reeser-Flynn. They were married on November 10, 1990, in Standish.

He always enjoyed sports in school and in college. He liked playing golf and attending Bible Study.

He is survived by his wife, Darlyne; son, Michael (Dolanda) Flynn II of Grayling; daughters: Sarah Flynn of Fla., Tamara Terpening (Cox) of Bancroft, Lauretta Keenan (Cox) of Darlington, S.C., Jamie Cox of Flushing; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Tim Flynn of Ariz., and Gary Smith of Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Terrence, Baron and Jeff Flynn.

A memorial service will be held at Community United Methodist Church in Standish at 11 a.m., on Saturday, October 4, with Pastor Devon Chisolm officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice of Grayling, Pasco Hernando Hospice of Dade City, Fla., or Mid Michigan Visiting Nurse Association of Midland.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday. This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Oct. 3 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, baked beans, cole slaw and fresh fruit salad. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Oct. 6 - Lunch - beef ravioli, broccoli, mixed vegetables and applesauce. Dinner - Swiss steak, baked potato, asparagus and pears. 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Back On Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic.

Tuesday, Oct. 7 - Lunch - shepherd's pie, cauliflower, honey-nut apples and grapes. Dinner - salmon patties with cream sauce, peas and carrots, green beans and peaches. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 3 p.m. board games, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Oct. 8 - Lunch - deluxe hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, O'Brien potatoes and mandarin oranges. Birthday Dinner - stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, carrots, pears and cake and ice cream. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. commodities at St. Mary's, 10 a.m. line dancing, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. rummage sale, 1 p.m. pool league, 5 p.m. Birthday Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Cardio.

Thursday, Oct. 9 - Lunch - lemon pepper chicken over noodles, carrots, winter blend vegetables and fresh fruit medley. Dinner - chicken pot pie, Brussels sprouts and oranges and grapefruit. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 12:30 p.m. Cops and Seniors Initiative meeting, 3:30 p.m. Wii bowling.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Card of Thanks

To all my family, friends and customers whose paths I crossed while working at Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty for the past 18 plus years, I have retired now. I want to say thank you for all the help and support each of you has given me over the years. I especially want to thank my dear family at CWB Cornell Realty for my surprise retirement party and for the years each of you has offered the support and encouragement that helped me to be as an effective realtor as I could be and I love you all for that. May God bless you and help each of you find the happiness that you so richly deserve when you retire too! Love to all of you.

Diann Murphy

Donald R. Engstrom

November 14, 1930 - August 30, 2008



Donald R. Engstrom was called home to heaven on Aug. 30, 2008, at Mercy Hospital Grayling with most of his loving family at his side.

Funeral services were held at Wijek-Calcaterra and Sons in Sterling Heights on Sept. 8, 2008. He was laid to rest at Great Hope National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

Don served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War from 1950 to 1953, in Alaska.

Mr. Engstrom was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1930, to Donald and Ellen Engstrom. He moved to Michigan after he met his wife, Ruth, who was a Michigan resident. They were married in Detroit and lived in Warren until he retired. Don retired from Bearing Headquarters, a ball bearing distributor, as an Operations Manager and moved to the Roscommon area in 1996. He had a love for photography and music and was one of the founders of the Warren Concert Band, which is still playing concerts after 30 years. Since moving to Roscommon, he delivered the Roscommon County Star for seven years and did the government census.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Ruth (nee Volkenborn), children Debbie (Gary) Jasek, Mark (Sue), Sharon Kish and Joy (Michael) Clark; 12 grand children, Melody (Dan) Smith, Paul, James, Amanda, Nikki, Amy, Tiffany, Bethany, Philip, Hannah, and twins Markis and David, and many nieces and nephews.

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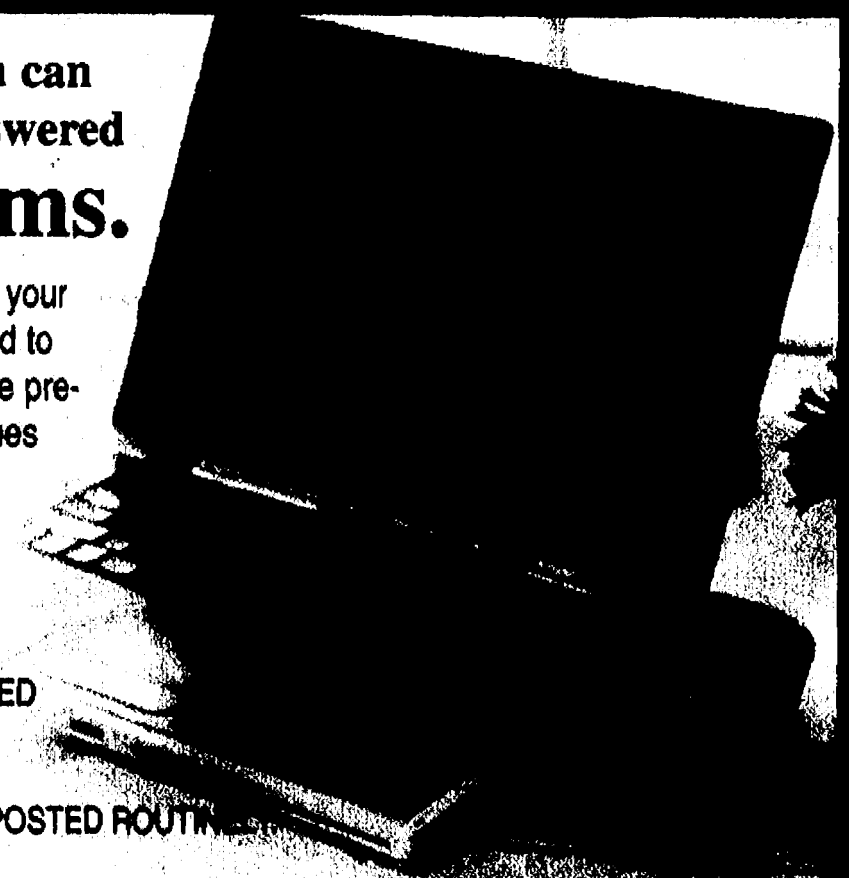
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Jake Bondar releases his first album through Dharma Records

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Does Grayling rock? One area resident is starting to make strides in a rock music career that he hopes will put him on the map.

Local performer Jake Allen Bondar, age 19, just released his first album titled "Heart Consumer and the Artist." Local independent label Dharma Records has produced 1000 copies of the album, which is being distributed at their Grayling storefront and at various online outlets.

"I started on the idea for this album about five years ago," said Jake Bondar.

Heart Consumer and the Artist is a hard rock album that is hard to classify, delivering a wide pallet of sonic variety. This is likely a sign of its creator's many influences.

"I listen to a wide variety of music. I listen to everything from Nine Inch Nails to Yes," said Jake Bondar.

Jake Bondar plays every instrument on the album, but he said that he thinks of himself primarily as a guitarist. He said that he crafts his songs by starting with the guitar and keyboard parts.

"I myself consider the melody to be a lot more important than the rhythm," said Jake Bondar.

After spending most of his teenage years on the project, Jake Bondar saw the first copies of his album go on sale last week.

The release is further promoted



The Dharma Records team released Jake Bondar's first album last week. Back row: Promotional assistant Tori Wardecke, Dharma Records co-owner Diane Chamberlin and Jake Allen Bondar. Producer Allen Bondar sits in front.

by posters and a DVD single for the song "Healing Opus." The Healing Opus video was directed by Oscoda filmmaker Bob Hughes. The video can be accessed for free on YouTube.com.

"I'm still in shock right now," said Allen Bondar, who co-owns Dharma Records and is both father and producer to Jake.

The father-son team worked together closely on the project.

"He's kind of passed down some musical things to me," said Jake Bondar.

Allen Bondar said that it was something of a relief to have the album out after years of work and a lengthy series of unforeseen production delays.

"We just ran into ridiculous problems that shouldn't have happened," said Allen Bondar.

Jake Bondar says that he intends to support the album by playing acoustic shows throughout the state. In addition to his tour plans, he is already itching to get back in the studio.

"I've got plans for a couple projects already in the making

here," said Jake Bondar.

He said he wants to do an all acoustic album next. Lyrically, he wants to do more original storytelling as opposed to drawing solely from personal experiences.

Although he may be at the very beginning of his music career, Jake Bondar already has big dreams. He said that if he could open for any act it would be the popular Indiana based jam band Umphrey's McGee.

"I think it'd be cool to open for a band that was kind of far out," said Jake Bondar.

Grayling man has donated 32 gallons of blood to Red Cross

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Since he was underage, he heeded his parents' permission to donate. The blood loss turned out to be a very effective means of relieving Etson's headaches.

He started donating every 56 days and has only been unable to donate twice, since he started.

"I was kind of donating blood for myself and to help other people," said Etson.

He said that although the donations are important for his health, supporting the Red Cross is very important to him.

"My donations have all been strictly through the American Red Cross. I've never sold my blood," said Etson.

He recognizes that the Red

Cross is always in need of more donations.

"God only knows that we need the blood to help people. There's a shortage of it," said Etson.

During his years in Grayling, Etson has earned quite a reputation for being a frequent donor. There was once an instance where state police pulled him over on I-75. Etson expected a speeding ticket, but instead the officer asked Etson if he could make an immediate donation.

"It was an emergency type thing," said Etson.

It turns out that local medical personnel had been responding to a medical emergency and required blood that matched Etson's type immediately. They

contacted his house, but he had just left. His wife identified his car and state troopers intercepted him.

"I was told that one of my pints of blood helps three people," said Etson.

Etson will be making his next donation in November. He

encourages other potential donors to support the Red Cross as well. Although the donations help relieve his headaches, he believes that giving blood can have its own reward.

"It's the best feeling in the world," said Etson.

Fall colors nearly in full bloom

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Sunny days and cool nights tend to foster the best colors. Downcast days make for a duller display.

Kidd said that although the nights have not been particularly cool recently, the recent string of sunny days in Crawford County will likely make for a particularly good show this year.

Kidd also said to be on the lookout for color changes that are specific to certain trees.

"There are big species differences," said Kidd.

For example, maple leaves tend to turn red and aspens will turn a shade of yellow.

He added that there are even a couple of species of coniferous trees that will change color.

White pine needles are turning yellow.

"It's all part of the symphony that goes on every year," said Kidd.

For those who want to see fall colors at their best, it's probably best to travel off the beaten path. A forest area where many different kinds of trees are visible at once will provide the most impressive viewing experience.

"In areas that have more hills you tend to have more vistas," said Kidd.

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Voter registration deadline nears for Nov. 4 election

Monday, Oct. 6, is the last day to register to vote for the May 6 election.

"Michigan residents have an opportunity to be heard in this presidential election," said Terri Lynn Land, the state's chief election officer. "If you are not yet registered to vote, I encourage you to sign up now. Your vote is your voice, and in this election, you have the opportunity to be heard at every level of government."

Ballots will include the presidential race, state House contests, local races and statewide and local proposals.

To register, applicants must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. They must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register in person or by mail. The mail-in form is on the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos. First time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled or are overseas.

To check their registration status, residents may visit the Michigan Voter Information

Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote. Residents can find information on voting by absentee ballot, using voting equipment and contacting their local clerk. They will also find a map to their local polling place.

Voters who qualify may choose to cast an absentee ballot on Election Day. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are age 60 or older, unable to vote without assistance at the polls, expecting to be out of town on Election Day, in jail awaiting arraignment or trial, unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons or appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Those who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit their application by 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1. Emergency ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Registered Michigan voters, who have moved within 60 days of the election, may still vote at their previous address if they did not register to vote at their new address by the close of the registration for this election. This also applies to voters whose homes have been foreclosed upon. Voters in default on their

mortgages but living in their homes may still vote without restriction.

Clerks are required to provide accessible polling places for all voters, including voters with disabilities. In addition, the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal will be available at all polling locations to assist voters with disabilities in marking their ballots.

Residents are again reminded of the identification requirement on Election Day. They will be asked to present acceptable photo ID at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID, or is not carrying one, can still vote. They will sign a brief form stating that they are not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

Voters who don't have a Michigan driver's license or identification card can show the following current forms of photo ID:

A driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state.

A federal or state government-issued photo identification.

A U.S. passport.

A military identification card with photo.

A student identification card with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, such as a college or university.

A tribal identification card with photo.

Additional information is available on the Department of State's Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Local business celebrates 25 years

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Sometimes old-fashioned endurance counts for a lot. Upper Lakes Tire has just joined the ranks of Grayling businesses that have stood the test of time.

At a time when Ronald Reagan ran the country and Indiana Jones was running from the Temple of Doom, Steve Brinks got a start at running his own business.

"We initially started this business to do retreading," said Brinks.

That was in 1983. Now, Upper Lakes Tire doesn't do retreading anymore, focusing instead on tire sales, front end work and brake work. The building itself has undergone some expansions. Aside from that, the business has pretty much remained the same.

"Things haven't changed dramatically," said Brinks.

Before starting Upper Lakes Tire, Brinks had worked in Cadillac for eight years. He started his Grayling business with a partner from that area. Eventually his wife Sue became his business partner. In 2000, their son Eric joined the team full time.

"That to me was one of the biggest pluses I've had in 25 years," said Brinks.

While Upper Lakes Tire is far from the first business in the area to make it 25 years, accomplishments like this raise the question of what allows some businesses to stand the test of time.

Brinks said that he doesn't know any secrets, but he knows what worked for him.

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Immunization clinics: Oct. 1 and 15 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: Oct. 3, 7, 21 and 28. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: Oct. 1, 2, 9, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 27. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: for

information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for Oct. 17 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are held in Crawford County on Oct. 17 at the Health Department. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 89 complaints the week of Sept. 22 - Sept. 28:

One traffic related incident, 17 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minor, four false alarm activations, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, four burglaries/home invasions, five larcenies, five fraudulent activities, one marijuana possession, one obstruct criminal investigation, nine public peace/disorderlies, four health and safeties, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, eight traffic accidents,

one traffic violation-civil infraction, one hazardous condition, one inspection/investigation-motor vehicle, five inspections/investigations-other, two lost and found properties, six family troubles-domestic, four suspicious situations and three driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

HONORS

Lawrence Technological University
Jillian Forster and Adam Harwood, both of Mio, graduated from Lawrence Technological

University in May. Forster received a Bachelor of Science in architecture and Harwood received a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering.

BIRTHS

Sara King and Joseph G. Miller, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Evan Jarrod, born at Mercy Hospital on

September 20, 2008, at 3:56 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 10 ozs., and measuring 19 3/4 inches in length.

RANGE FIRING

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 2 - 8.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 3 - 5, and Oct. 8.

The following firing ranges are scheduled during the period of Oct. 2 - 8.

Small arms ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 13, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd. and on the east by Carrier Rd.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek.

Range 17, hand grenade range, located south of the main post, north of Carrier Rd., east of range 13 and west

of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.).

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail.

In addition, the following roads will be closed. Bucks East - West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd., and Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number is 989-348-6371. For further information, call 989-344-6320.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Frederic Community Library will host "Fun in Frederic" on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. Call Connie, at 348-4067, to sign up for a program that includes stories, snacks and the chance for kids to express themselves by designing personal crafts and jewelry.

American Girls can sign up now for the first "It's a Small World" program, held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 3:30 p.m. Special guest will be Laura Schans. Learn about the tiny world of miniatures. Call Jane at

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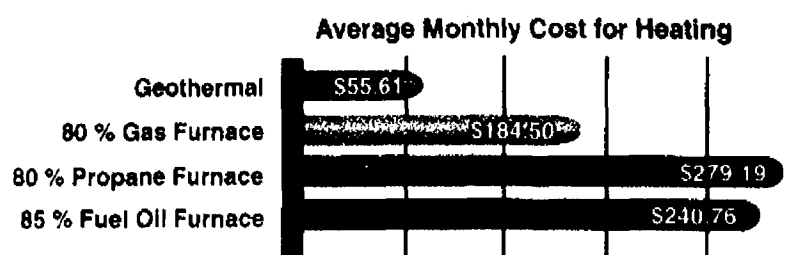
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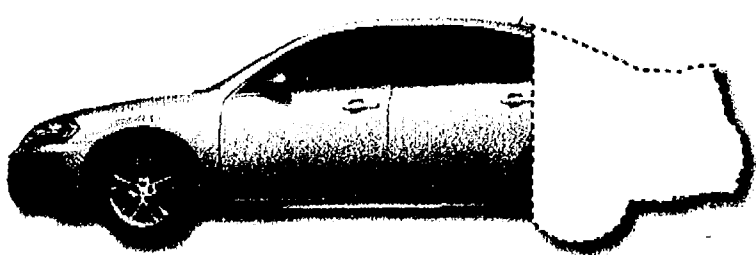


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GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for September are, from the left: (back row) Mikaela Ashton, Jessica Collett, Nick Daneluk, Kilee DeHart, Mikayla Dunkel, Hailey Eames, Sara Girard, Trevor Goodenough; (middle row) Zach Hunter, Travis Kirk, Michael MacFalda, Ashley McClain, Rachael Miller, Skyler Moggo, Caitlyn Phillips, Tyler Power, William Romain; (front row) Anteline Rouston, Danny Schultz, Grady Smith, Kenny Tuck, Daniel White.

Mercy launches their Find a Way campaign

Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) toured Mercy Hospital Grayling's state of the art emergency department on Aug. 7 and shared his views on health care access and reform with hospital leadership.

"I am consistently impressed with Mercy Hospital Grayling's technological capacities including the electronic medical record and

the stroke robot capable of accessing the Michigan Stroke Network within minutes for vital patient care," said Stupak.

Stupak also shared his efforts to secure additional federal appropriations for the purchase and installation of a new generator for the emergency room that would provide utility support for the ER in the event of a disaster or power outage.

Stupak's visit dovetailed on Mercy Hospital Grayling's launch of the Find a Way Campaign. "Health care costs are at an all-time high. Nearly one in six Americans, most of who are from working families, are uninsured. Millions more are struggling to afford the coverage they have. The time for health care reform is now," said Mercy Hospital Grayling CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak.

As a leading health care provider in Michigan, Mercy Hospital Grayling is joining parent company Trinity Health in a new effort to transform health care in

America. The Find a Way campaign encourages business leaders, insurers, individuals, health care providers and lawmakers to find a way to reform health care in America. At the core of this campaign are essential elements for reform based on the idea that everyone deserves quality, affordable health coverage in a coordinated, cost-effective system of care.

"As health care providers, we see the consequences of a broken system that doesn't work for everyone," said Riemer-Matuzak. "We are taking steps toward reform through investments in electronic medical records and chronic disease management programs. Our participation in Find a Way is one more step we're taking to demonstrate our commitment to improving health care in America."

Stupak said, "I am committed to health care reform and believe the solution will require involvement from all sectors. I applaud Mercy Hospital Grayling and Trinity Health for their efforts in the Find

a Way campaign."

Find a Way emphasizes that everyone has a role to play in reforming America's health care. The campaign outlines a few easy ways citizens can get involved including:

Contact your elected officials, encourage them to make health care reform their top priority.

Write to your newspaper and share your opinion on why it's time to improve health care in this country.

Spread the word and discuss the importance of health care reform with your friends, family and colleagues and encourage them to keep it in mind during this important election year.

Share your story and share why you think it's time to find a way to reform health care at www.trinity-health.org.

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CAR CARE

Consumers can avoid problems by watching for warning signs

When it comes to your car's safety, brakes top the list of systems that need monitoring. However, many people are unaware of the signs that indicate a car's brakes may need maintenance or repair.

For routine maintenance, it's important to check the vehicle's braking system at least once a year. A thorough inspection should include brake lining wear, brake fluid level, rotor thickness, condition of hoses and brake lines, brake and dash warning lights, as well as taking the car for a test drive to detect other potential brake system problems.

It is important to be alert and recognize the danger signs of brake problems. Other warning signs include an illuminated brake warning light, brake grabbing, low pedal feel, vibration, hard pedal feel and squealing.

"Sometimes it's only a few miles between a soft brake pedal and a pedal that goes clear to the floor," said Stephen Powell, NAPA/ASE Technician of the Year and owner of Thoroughbred Transmissions & AutoCare Inc. "But, consumers easily can protect themselves from brake fail-

ure by watching and listening for a few simple clues."

Powell says noise is one of the leading indicators that something is awry with brakes.

"Any out of the ordinary sound is often a sign that brakes have worn to the point they should be checked," he said. "Watch especially for a grinding noise, and if your brakes typically throw off brake dust on your wheels, look for a sudden increase or decrease in dust."

He added that finding small metal flakes on the wheels is also a sign that brakes should be checked.

Another leading indicator is the feel of the brake pedal, Powell said. If the car pulls left or right when braking, or if the front end shakes, those are both signs of excessive brake wear. If the brake pedal begins to feel spongy, it could be a sign that air has entered the brake system or fluid is low.

"A mushy brake pedal, along with a decrease in brake fluid, could also indicate brake wear," Powell added. "Check the brake fluid reservoir to make sure it's topped off. If not, then brake

fluid is likely remaining at the wheel to fill the space caused by wear."

Many cars now have ABS (Automatic Braking System) that initiates a rapid fire pumping sequence to the brakes to keep the car straight during sudden or hard braking.

"If the ABS light illuminates on your instrument panel, then it's likely that the wheel sensors have detected excessive build-up of metal particles from the brake system," Powell said. "Most cars are designed to shut down the ABS when excessive particle build-up occurs."

Powell added that a shutdown ABS does not prevent you from stopping, just that the ABS feature isn't working.

Other tips:

- Wheels should be pulled and brakes checked once a year by an ASE-Certified technician.

- "It's not uncommon to replace brakes after 12,000-15,000 miles," Powell explained.

- An inspection typically includes the rotors, calipers, drums, pads, pistons and brake lines.

- Brake systems should be

flushed and brake fluid replaced every two years.

"Brake fluid absorbs moisture in the system and becomes acidic after two years or 30,000 miles," Powell said.

- Check your owner's manual or ask your ASE-Certified technician to see what kind of brakes your car has and how they are adjusted. For example, most drum brakes are self-adjusting by backing up or engaging the emergency brake.

- Regardless of care, brakes should most likely be replaced every 20,000-30,000 miles.

"Of course, how and where someone drives will greatly influence when brakes should be replaced," Powell emphasized.

Does 'on the road again' mean 'on the phone again'?

These days, you see more cell phones than ever, and many of them will be on the ears of people behind the wheel of an automobile. Some of these phones and their owners will wind up in car crashes, but don't be too quick to blame the cell phones. Blame the drivers who use them in the wrong place at the wrong time, allowing conversations to divert their attention from the road.

"Hands-free devices make it easy to eliminate reaching and dialing, but it's not about having your hands free," said Rich White, a spokesman for the Car Care Council. "It's about having your mind free to concentrate on driving. It's best to pull off the road, or even better, call back later."

There are a variety of other sit-

uations that can distract motorists, whether they're en route to their vacation destination, or simply driving across town. Many of these can be addressed with little or no money. Examples include:

- Things hanging from the rear view mirror – take them down. They can obstruct vision out of both the front and rear windows.

- A damaged rear view mirror – get it repaired. Many of your driving decisions are only as good as the view from your mirrors.

- Worn windshield wiper blades – replace them. Smear glass and chattering blades can be unnerving. Blades are inexpensive and you can probably do the installation yourself.

- Torn or frayed car mats – get new ones. The old mats can catch

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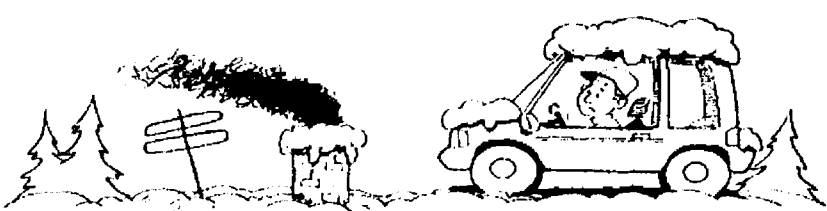
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- Determine what annoyances you can fix yourself and which ones need professional attention, says the Car Care Council. Take care of them as soon as possible; to delay could mean an accident waiting to happen.

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CAR CARE

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Preparing your car for winter doesn't require time or technical expertise, but it can prevent small problems from becoming serious concerns. According to the experts at the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), "Cold weather will only make existing problems worse."

Here are a few items that are easy and simple to check before fall turns to winter:

- Familiarize yourself with your owner's manual, and follow the manufacturer's recommended service schedules. No one knows your car better than the company that manufactured it.
- Upgrade your motor oil. The easiest way to protect and improve the performance of your car is to upgrade to a high-performance synthetic motor oil and

change it regularly. Synthetic motor oils have better low-temperature fluidity than mineral-based motor oils, helping ensure start-ups on cold days.

- Examine your wheels. Worn tires can be extremely dangerous on rain, snow and ice. Examine tires for remaining tread life and uneven wearing. Check the sidewalls for cuts and nicks as well.
- Check the cooling system. It may be time for a flush and refill if it's been more than a couple of years since the coolant has been changed. The level, condition and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically.

A 50/50 mix of antifreeze and water is usually recommended. Additionally, the condition of hoses should be checked for cracks and leaks.

- Make sure you have a working battery. If your battery is beyond its recommended service life, replace it. Top off any low battery cells with distilled water. Clean and tighten battery termi-



Winterizing your car this fall can prevent cold weather problems.

nals to ensure that electricity gets from the battery to the starter on chilly fall mornings. If corrosion is present, clean it with a mixture of baking soda and water, and put on a set of battery washers to keep corrosion from coming back.

- Keep fuel lines clean. It's important to keep gas lines from

freezing in cold weather. No vehicle can run if it can't get fuel. A full gas tank will help prevent moisture and ice from forming. Particularly cold weather may warrant using a fuel de-icer to prevent fuel lines from freezing. A block heater is another option that is fairly inexpensive and easy to use.

How inflation could help save gas money

(NewsUSA) – Many motorists are suffering from sticker shock at the gas pump these days.

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One big problem? Only 19 percent of drivers properly check their tire pressure, and poorly inflated tires cost Americans an unnecessary \$1.1 billion each year. That equates to 3.5 million wasted gallons of gasoline each day.

Properly inflated tires could save drivers \$2 every time they fill up, getting the average passenger car an additional 10 miles per tankful.

Goodyear offers other helpful tips to improve gas mileage:

- Check the air filter. A clogged air filter can reduce a vehicle's fuel efficiency by 10

percent. A clean filter also keeps impurities from the engine, improving its performance and lifespan.

- Remove junk from the trunk. Overpacking a vehicle beyond its manufacturer's recommended weight costs gas money. Carrying 100 extra pounds in the trunk? That reduces a car's fuel economy by one to two percent.
- Drive peacefully. Aggressive driving – speeding, slamming on the brakes, fast acceleration – can reduce highway gas mileage by 33 percent.

• Use the right oil. Vehicle manufacturers recommend motor oil grades for a reason. Using the right grade can improve a car's mileage by one to two percent.

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JV football squad defeats Elk Rapids by six, 26-20

Vikings improve to 4-1 overall with Thursday's win

Grayling High School's junior varsity football team defeated the Elk Rapids Elks 26-20 last Thursday at GHS.

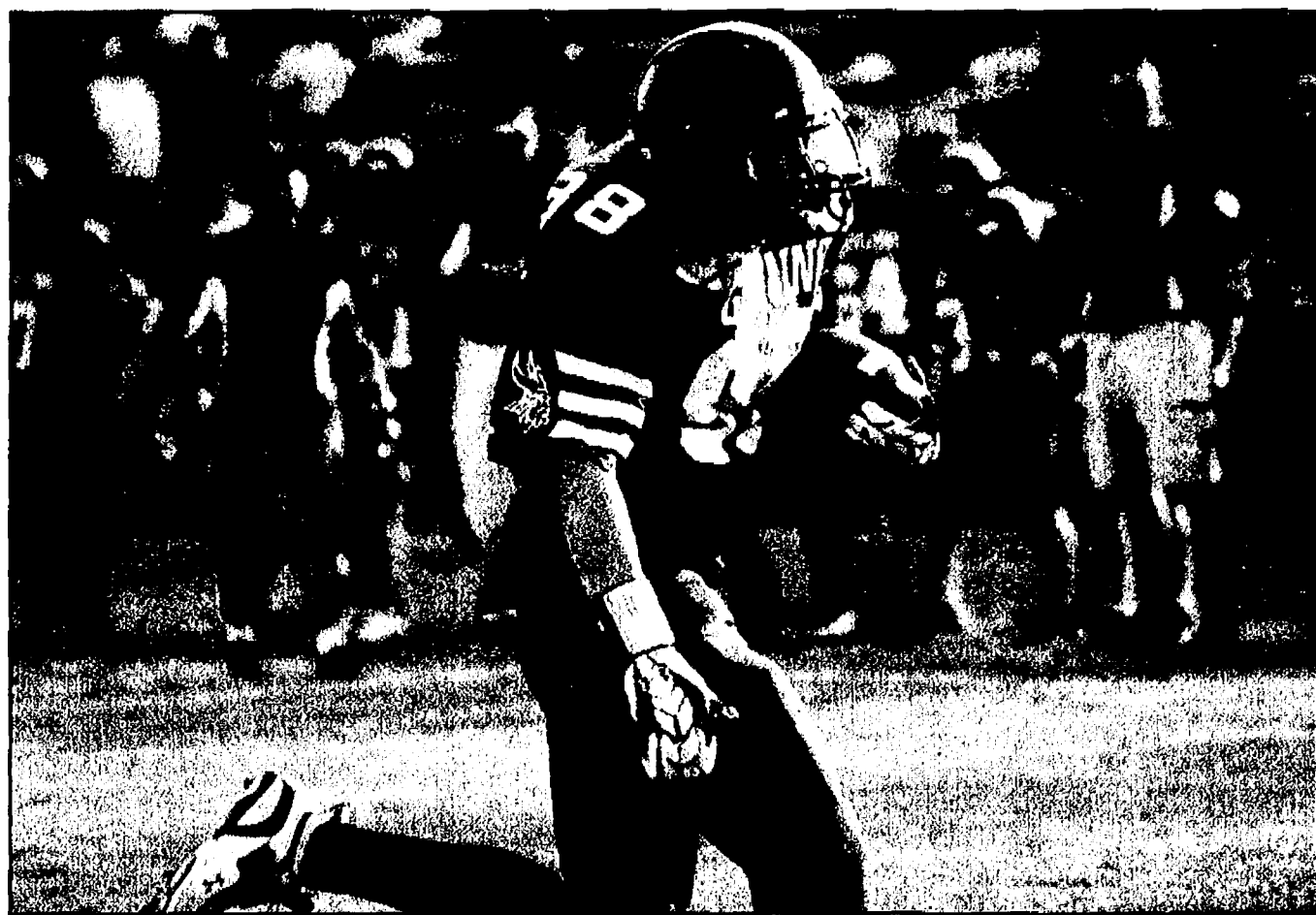
The Vikings led 14-8 at half-time. The score was tied at 20-20 going into the fourth period.

Grayling finished the contest with 284 passing yards and 56 rushing yards.

Quarterback Zane Tobin completed 28 of 39 pass attempts for 284 yards and two TDs. Tobin also ran for one TD.

Tyler Brigham caught 12 passes for 171 yards and one TD. Steven Enos had eight receptions for 73 yards and one TD. Nick McDonald had two receptions for 22 yards. David
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Steven Enos runs with the ball after catching a pass during the first quarter of last Thursday's game against the Elk Rapids Elks.



Quarterback Jimmy Osga scans the field for an open receiver during Friday's game at Elk Rapids. Osga threw for 429 yards – a new school record – and five TDs in the contest.

Elks outscore Vikings 52-38 in varsity football shootout

Elk Rapids seals win with two TDs in final 5 minutes

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling's passing attack had another record-setting night, but the Vikings fell to the Elk Rapids Elks 52-38 in a varsity football contest played at Elk Rapids High School last Friday.

Quarterback Jimmy Osga threw for 429 yards during Friday night's shootout, breaking his own school record for single game passing yardage. The previous mark of 348 yards was set by Osga during Grayling's 2008 season opener at Roscommon on Aug. 28. Osga also tied Grayling High School's single game passing TD record with five touchdowns on Friday. Osga threw five TDs on Sept. 19

vs. East Jordan, and Bobby Starks threw for five touchdowns during a game in 2004.

One of Osga's targets – Eric Ferrigan, who missed the first four games of the 2008 season with an injury – tied a school record with four touchdown receptions on Friday night. Eli VanNuck had four TD catches for GHS during a game in 2005.

During Friday's game against the Elks, the Vikings had a 22-7 lead with 3:16 left in the first half, but the Elks cut Grayling's lead to one just before halftime.

Grayling drove 80 yards on six plays on the first possession of the game. The Vikings finished the drive with a 67-yard TD pass from Osga to Ferrigan. Osga passed to Tyler Steffey for the two-point conversion, and Grayling led 8-0.

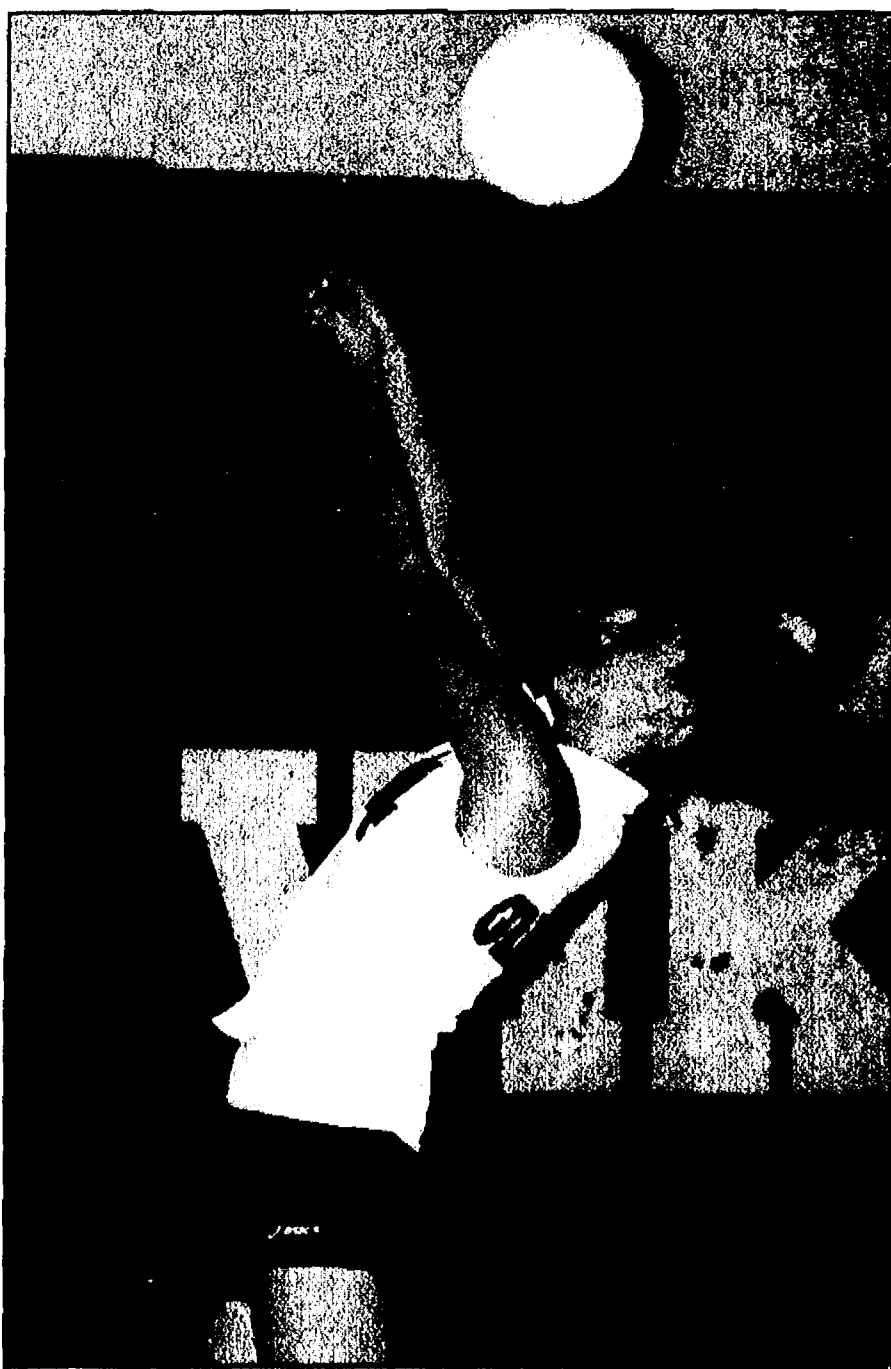
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David Bergan, left, carries the ball for the Vikings on Thursday night. Nick McDonald, right, shakes a defender after catching a pass vs. the Elks.

JV, varsity volleyball teams host Kalkaska



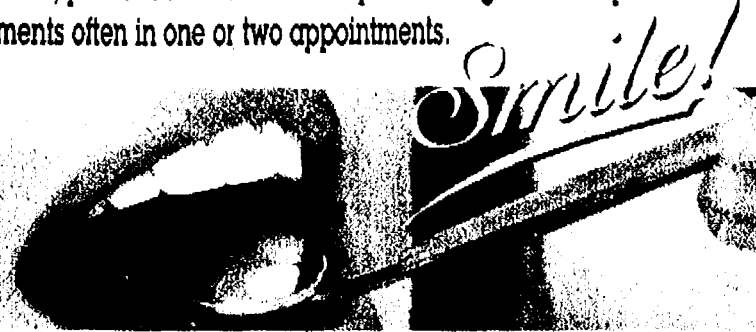
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Teresa Schreiber, left, hits the ball for Grayling High School's junior varsity volleyball team during last Thursday's meet vs. Kalkaska. The Blazers won the series 2-1 (25-14, 25-21, 12-15). Gracie Calkins, center, and Joni Bindschatel, right, hit the ball for the varsity squad vs. the Blazers on Thursday. Kalkaska won 3-0 (25-11, 25-15, 25-22).

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Elks outscore Vikings 52-38 in varsity football shootout

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Elk Rapids answered with a seven-play, 64-yard scoring drive. The series included a 44-yard run, which helped set up a three-yard TD run. The Elks kicked the extra point and trailed 8-7.

The Vikings responded with another TD. Grayling finished an eight-play, 73-yard drive with a 50-yard TD pass from Osga to Ferrigan. The series included a key first down on 3rd and 16 that Grayling picked up with a pass from Osga to Steffey. After the TD, Osga threw a shovel pass to running back Tyler Hanson for the two-point conversion. Grayling led 16-7 with 4:49 left in the first period.

The next three possessions — two by Elk Rapids and one by Grayling — ended with punts.

The Vikings drove from their 37-yard line to Elk Rapids' 11-yard line with a nine-play series. The drive included third down conversion catches by Ferrigan, Geo Bindschatel, and Hanson. On 1st and 10 from the 11-yard line, Elk Rapids intercepted a Grayling pass attempt in the end zone.

The Vikings forced a punt and took over at their 43-yard line. On 2nd and 10, Bindschatel caught a short pass and turned it into a 28-yard gain. Passes to Hanson and Cody Myers picked up another first down. On 2nd and 6, Osga threw to Ferrigan, who broke a tackle and dove toward the pylon at the corner of the end zone for a TD. The two-point conversion pass fell incomplete. Grayling led 22-7.

Elk Rapids finished a four-play, 52-yard drive with a 28-yard TD run. The two-point conversion attempt failed. GHS led 22-13 with 1:22 left in the first half.

On 2nd and 1, Grayling tried a halfback pass. Elk Rapids blocked the pass attempt at the line of scrimmage and intercepted the tipped ball. The Elks took over 41 yards from the goal line.

Elk Rapids completed a deep pass for 29 yards on 2nd and 1. On the next play — 1st and goal with 16 seconds left in the first half — the quarterback for Elk Rapids scored on a three-yard TD run. The Elks ran the ball into the end zone for the two-point conversion.

Grayling led by one point, 22-21, at halftime.

On the first play of the second half, Elk Rapids scored on a 47-yard TD run. Grayling blocked the extra point kick, and Elk Rapids led 27-22.

The Vikings drove 65 yards on eight plays, but turned the ball over on downs 17 yards from the goal line.

Grayling stopped Elk Rapids on 4th and 7 — the 11th play of the series — to take over on downs. The Vikings turned the ball over on downs at midfield with an incomplete pass on 4th

and 10.

The Elks picked up 46 yards on a screen pass. On the next play — 1st and goal at the 1-yard line — Elk Rapids ran the ball into the end zone for a TD. The two-point conversion attempt failed. Elk Rapids led 33-22 with 1:44 left in the third quarter.

Grayling answered with a touchdown drive. On 2nd and 15, Osga threw deep to Ferrigan, hit him in stride, and Ferrigan ran all the way to the goal line for a 77-yard TD. Osga passed to Bindschatel for the two-point conversion. The Elks led 33-30 with 53 seconds left in the third period.

Elk Rapids responded with a quick strike TD on the final play of the third quarter. On the second play of the drive, the Elks threw deep for a 47-yard TD. The extra point kick sailed wide left. Elk Rapids led by nine, 39-30.

The Elks took over at their 33-yard line after a punt by Grayling. On 2nd and 11, Jacob Aubry intercepted an Elk Rapids pass to end the series.

Grayling started 44 yards from the goal line. A pass from Osga to Steffey gained 18 yards. On 2nd and 10, Osga threw a short pass to Trent Larm, who broke a tackle and got into the end zone for a 26-yard TD. Osga passed to Myers for the two-point conversion. Elk Rapids led by one, 39-38, with 9:29 left in regulation.

The Elks finished a five-minute, 12-play drive with an 11-yard TD scramble by Elk Rapids' QB. The series included a conversion on 4th and 1 that Grayling's defense seemed to stop short of the necessary yardage. The pass attempt on the two-point conversion attempt fell incomplete. Elk Rapids led 45-38 with 4:39 left in the game.

On 2nd and 1, Elk Rapids intercepted a deep pass by the Vikings. Grayling's defense forced a punt. The Vikings turned the ball over on downs with incomplete passes on 3rd and 8 and 4th and 8.

Elk Rapids took over 17 yards from the goal line with 2:04 left in the game. On 4th and 10, with 39 seconds left on the clock, Elk Rapids' QB scored a TD on a 17-yard scramble. The Elks kicked the extra point.

Elk Rapids won 52-38.

Osga finished the game with 26 completions for 429 yards, five TDs, and one interception. Ferrigan caught six passes for 208 yards and four TDs. Myers had seven receptions for 73 yards. Steffey had 43 receiving yards. Larm caught two passes — including one TD — for 33 yards.

Hanson rushed for 42 yards on 12 carries. Bindschatel ran for 38 yards on six carries.

On defense, Bindschatel had 16 tackles for GHS. Aubry had 10 tackles and one interception. Matt Haight had eight tackles and one sack. Ethan Lewis had 10 tackles and Jake Helsel had



Tyler Steffey catches a pass during Friday's football game at Elk Rapids High School.

seven tackles.

"It was a weird sort of feeling on Friday night. We took control of the game and had a 22-7 lead. We were dominating and about to go up another touchdown and then we were intercepted in the end zone. The next thing you know, it is 22-21 at the half with Elk Rapids getting the ball to start the second half," Coach Ben Brock said.

"Elk Rapids did some good things on offense; but the bottom line is that we didn't tackle like a varsity team should. Our pad level was too high and we grabbed at the offense like we were not ready for their quickness and speed. Their quarterback and running backs did an excellent job of making multiple defenders miss on their way to racking up 400 yards on the ground," Coach Brock said.

"As of right now our defense is not playoff ready. We have a few guys who are playing effectively, but it takes an entire group of 11 to execute Coach (Tim) Sanchez's defense. It is our job as a staff to correct these physical mistakes and to become better. A good team will take advantage of a weakness and that is what they did to us all night long. We will make a change and turn it around. We have confidence in these young men," Coach Brock said.

"Offensively, we are where we want to be. Jimmy Osga threw for 429 yards to break his own school record. He also tied his school record of five touchdown passes in one game. After five games, Jimmy has 1,535 passing yards. Multiple receivers are stepping up as Jimmy is now averaging 307 yards and over three touchdowns passing per game. Eric Ferrigan returned to the scene and made a huge impact by catching six passes for 208 yards and four touchdowns. His four touchdown receptions



Geo Bindschatel carries the ball for Grayling on Friday night.

tie Eli VanNuck for a school record as well. We are quite a different team with Eric in the lineup. This will free up Tyler Steffey to get some more open looks in future games," Coach Brock said.

"We finished with 512 yards of offense. Most of the time, you will win when you accomplish this feat. Cody Myers had another good game with seven catches for 73 yards. Geo Bindschatel had five catches for 58 yards to go along with his 16 tackles. Trent Larm added the final score with a 26-yard touchdown reception," Coach Brock said.

"We will get back to our winning ways and we will overcome this adversity. We usually are not a fun team to play the week after a loss," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings (3-2 overall, 1-2 league) need to win three out of their next four games to guarantee a playoff berth. Grayling will finish its 2008 regular season with games vs. Harbor Springs (2-3, 1-2), Kalkaska (0-5, 0-3), Traverse City St. Francis (4-1, 3-0), and Boyne City (4-1, 2-1).

Grayling will play at Harbor Springs on Friday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.

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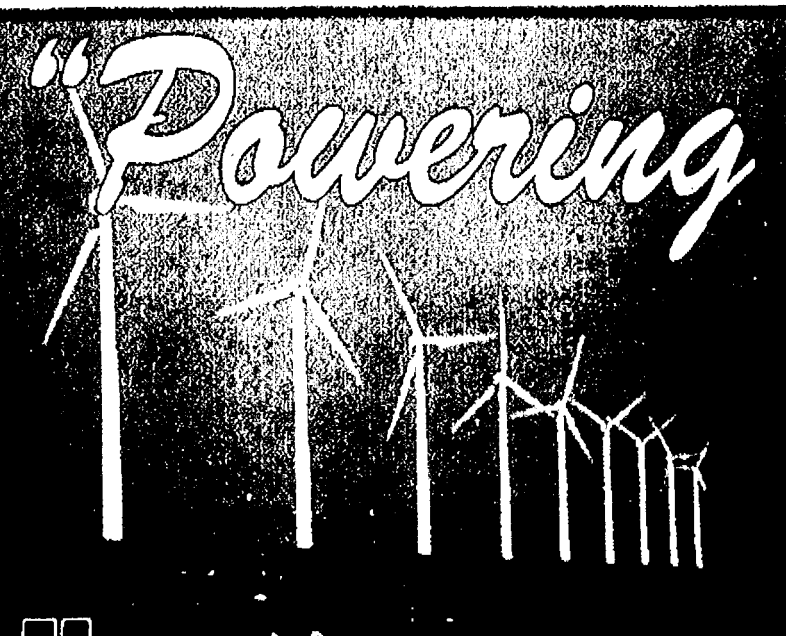
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Coach: Keri Brock

HANNAH SMITH

"I can't say enough about Hannah. There aren't many athletes that would practice every day since the beginning of August with hopes of being able to compete in two months. She has contributed great scores in her first week back and is getting better every day. Hannah has shown great dedication over the years in athletics as well as academics and deserves a lot of credit," her coach said.

Golf team wins three medals at Petoskey meet

Grayling High School's varsity girls golf team won three medals during a nine-hole meet at Petoskey last Tuesday.

Grayling posted a team score of 204. Individual scores for the Vikings included: Leigha Stevens (48, 1st place), Alexis Peck (49, 2nd place), Andrea Willobee (52, 4th place), Hannah Smith (55).

"This meet was the first one this season for senior Hannah Smith. She has been unable to compete due to a knee injury sustained during skiing. She has been practicing with limited lower body movement since day one and finally got the opportunity to play at 100 percent. She's a hard worker and has a lot of passion for the game. I was really pleased with her showing," Coach Keri Brock said.

"There were five medals given out at this meet and our girls took home three of them, including first, second, and fourth place. They played well on a trying course," Coach Brock said.

On Friday, Sept. 26, the Vikings competed in the Traverse City Central Invitational.

The Vikings posted a team score of 428.

Individual scores included: Peck (104), Willobee (105), Stevens (106), Smith (112).



(L to R) Hannah Smith, Kirstie Wakeley, and Ann Hamlin, along with medalists Andrea Willobee, Alexis Peck, and Leigha Stevens, golfed at Petoskey on Tuesday.

"The TC Invitational is one of the most competitive in northern Michigan. There are some great teams and individuals. Overall, I thought our scores were a bit high; however, we still have players dropping strokes each meet. Andrea Willobee and Hannah Smith are great examples. They are really starting to put things together and that's a very positive sign for us heading into the home stretch," Coach Brock said.

On Monday, Sept. 29,

Grayling golfed in the Cheboygan Invitational.

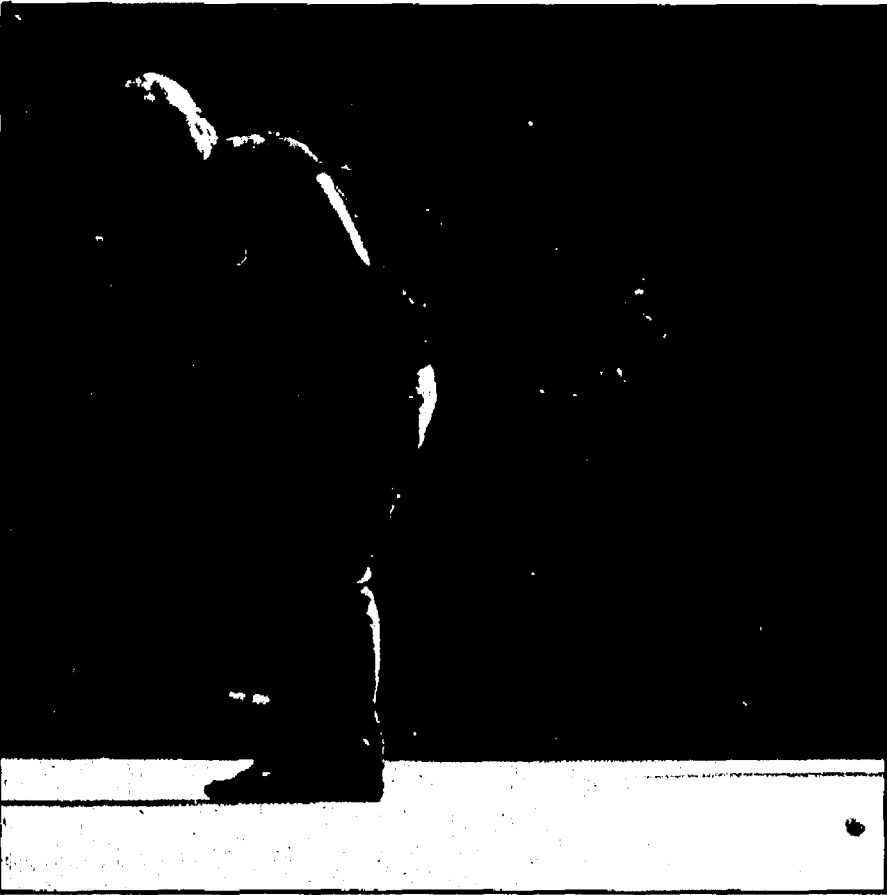
GHS finished with a team score of 387. Individual scores included: Willobee (93), Stevens (95), Peck (97), Smith (102).

"Cheboygan was a phenomenal showing for us. We had our best team score of the season with a 387, led by Andrea Willobee with a personal best of 93. This is the first time we have had three players shoot in the 90s," Coach Brock said.

"Teams like TC West and

Central are always going to dominate those meets, but that doesn't take anything away from what our kids accomplished. At this point, we can only worry about teams in our division as we move towards regionals. Beating one of our regional rivals - Cheboygan - on their home course is huge. Confidence is key and we're flying high right now," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings will golf at Harbor Springs on Monday, Oct. 6.



Hannah Smith, left, putts for Grayling during a recent meet. Andrea Willobee, right, hits a chip shot.



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Recreation League		
Glen's Market	13 - 3	
GMH-NCC	9 - 7	
Robin L. Smith CPA	9 - 7	
TNT Fishing	8 - 8	
American Legion	7 - 9	
Woody Girls	6 - 10	
Days Inn	6 - 10	
Grayling Nursing	6 - 10	
High Series: T. Rock, 563; S. Johnson, 542; N. Glasslee, 481.		
High Game: T. Rock, 203; D. Lobsinger, 190; S. Johnson, 185.		
Senior Bowling		
Sylvester's Sports	10 - 6	
Gaylord Electric	9 - 7	
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Bear's Den Pizza	8 - 8	
Kicking Grass	7 - 9	
Lone Pine	7 - 9	
Spike's	7 - 9	
Dana Transport	7 - 9	
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 525; M. Rysso, 501; C. Clark, 482. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 200; C. Clark, 179; M. Rysso, 178. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 604; L. Crampton, 520; A. Smith, 510. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 222; P. Faustman, 219; L. Crampton, 201.		
Friday Mixed Doubles		
Miller Spillers	23 - 5	
Canadian Steak n' Fish	19 - 9	
Fred's of Roscommon	16 - 12	
McDonald's	13 - 15	
American Legion	12 - 16	
GGs Double Trouble	12 - 16	
Last Call	9 - 19	
L & L Hauling	8 - 20	
High Series Men: S. Pittman,		
534; J. Lehman, 530; D. Williamson, 527. High Game Men: D. Williamson, 228; M. Jankowski, 202. High Series Women: J. Williamson, 516; S. Johnson, 495; P. Younglove, 486. High Game Women: J. Williamson, 193; S. Johnson, 190; P. Younglove, 180.		
Pioneer League		
Grayling Rest	11 - 1	
5 B's	7 - 5	
Ole Dam Party Store	6 - 6	
Tim's Collision	6 - 6	
T.C. Lawncare	6 - 6	
Eagles Nest Sports	5 - 7	
American Legion	4 - 8	
Ball Busters	3 - 9	
High Series: C. LaMotte, 527; L. Golnick, 513; T. Rock, 511. High Game: C. LaMotte and C. Clark, 193; M. Cole, 191.		
American Men's League		
Moore's Auto	21 - 7	
Sky Ripper	21 - 7	
GADCO	17 - 11	
Otsego Lake Service	15 - 13	
Fenton's Auto	13 - 15	
Dragon Repair	9 - 19	
McLean's ACE	7 - 21	
High Series: L. Davis, 569; B. Harris, 567; R. Adkison, 563. High Game: L. Davis, 223; J. Thayer, 218; L. Ostrowski, 215.		
National First		
GADCO	21 - 0	
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Corky's Karaoke	7 - 14	
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High Series: D. Lawe, 640; C.		
Brill, 562; C. Golnick, 560. High Game: D. Lawe, 243; T. Sowinski, 225; D. Lawe, 216.		
Thursday Morning Coffee		
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Misfits	5 - 3	
Rosebuds	5 - 3	
Snow Tops	4 - 4	
Bill's Harem	4 - 4	
Ladybugs	3 - 5	
Pin Slayers	3 - 5	
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High Series Men: B. Hollis, 564; E. Brosky, 485; D. Williamson, 483. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 219; E. Brosky, 181; D. Williamson, 168. High Series Women: C. Clark, 471; N. Glasslee, 460; B. Wotring, 429. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 188; C. Clark, 187; J. Leask, 163.		
Sunday Mixed Doubles		
Team Shocker	15 - 6	
Spike's #2	12 - 9	
Farm Bureau	12 - 9	
Spike's #1	11 - 10	
Hard Balls	10 - 11	
Salon Rue	9 - 12	
Gray Rock Cafe	5 - 16	
Team 8	4 - 17	
High Series Men: L. Ostrowski, 568; J. Thayer, 555; T. Sheldon, 543. High Game Men: J. Thayer 221; L. Ostrowski, 216; T. Sheldon, 199. High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 459; H. Indorf, 449; C. Sheldon, 431. High Game Women: S. Mead, 210; N. Glasslee, 197; H. Indorf, 179.		

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Ramada	11	
Gray Rock	11	
Legion	9	

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Eric Rutter, left, and Evan Korneli, right, control the ball for the Vikings during last week's game against the Boyne City Ramblers.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Soccer team ties Standish 3-3

Vikings fall to Boyne City 2-1 in overtime

The GHS boys soccer team posted one tie and two losses - one in overtime - in three games last week.

On Thursday, the Grayling Vikings and the Standish Sterling Central Panthers battled to a 3-3 tie at Standish. Trevor Dewitt, Jake Small, and Brady Coe scored goals for Grayling in the contest.

"Trevor Dewitt and Jake Small each scored off deflections. Trevor's came from a deflection off of the keeper and Jake's shot was deflected by a defender into the goal. Brady Coe kicked a bullet shot from about 45 yards out and scored as well," Coach Craig Cobb said.

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost 4-2 at Alcona. Matt Hilbrecht scored both of Grayling's goals.

"We were tied at (halftime) and came up with a 2-1 lead 10 minutes into the second half.

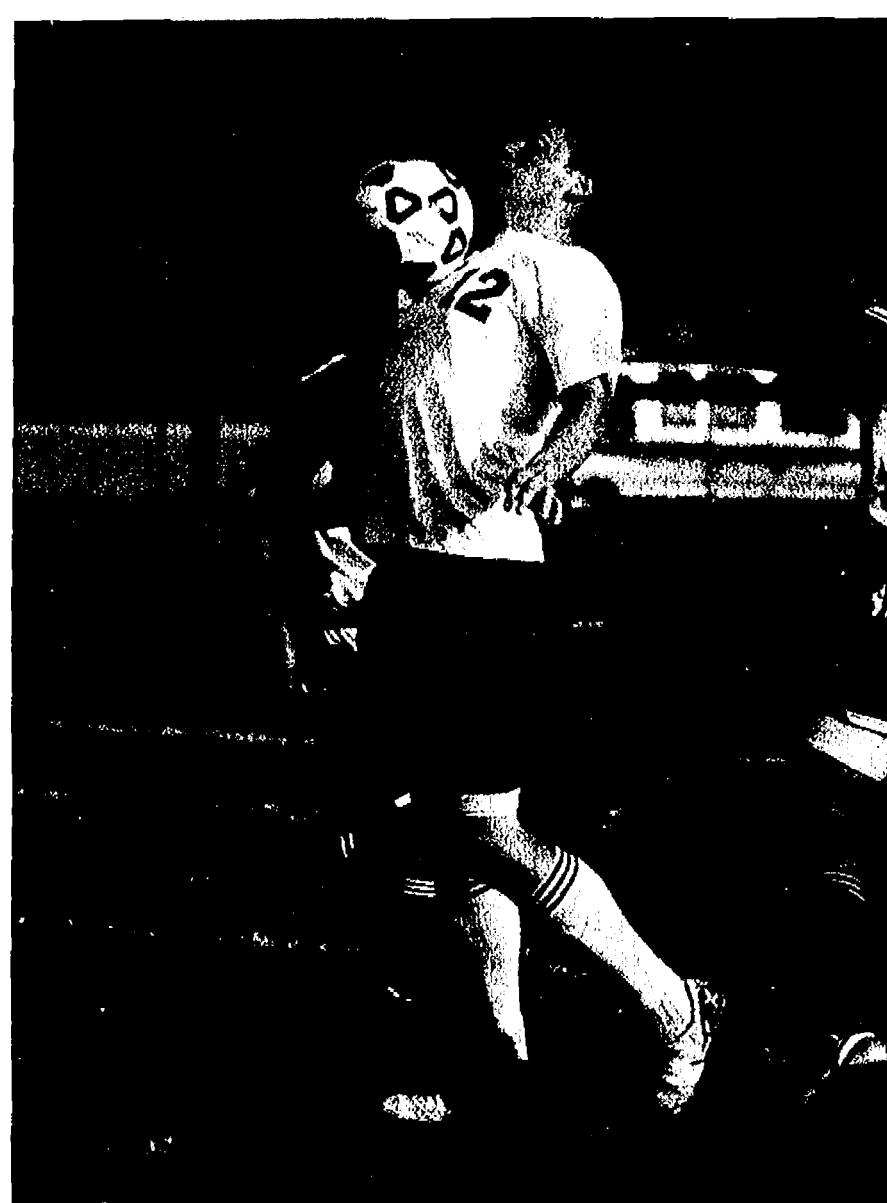
We were unable to hold onto the lead and Alcona put together a strong push in the last 20 minutes that resulted in them winning (4-2). Matt Hilbrecht scored both of our goals, one on a tap-in after a Colin Hamlin shot and one on a (penalty kick)," Coach Cobb said.

On Monday, the Vikings lost 2-1 to Boyne City in overtime in a contest played at Grayling High School.

Hilbrecht scored Grayling's only goal of the match on a direct kick at the 19:28 mark in the first half. Boyne City scored the winning goal at the 3:48 mark in the first 15-minute overtime period.

"We have had some hard losses over the last few weeks. Unfortunately, the scores of the games haven't reflected how much better we are starting to play as a team," Coach Cobb said. "We are looking forward to a strong finish to our season in the next couple weeks and to provide wins at districts."

Grayling (3-9-1 overall, 2-7 league) will play at Ogemaw Heights on Thursday, Oct. 2.



Matt Hilbrecht plays a ball off his chest during last Monday's game against Boyne City.

JV football squad defeats Elk Rapids 26-20

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Bergan carried the ball 15 times for 25 yards and one TD. Craig Collen rushed for 36 yards on 11 carries.

As a team, Grayling's defense held Elk Rapids to 75 total yards of offense.

Leading tacklers for the Vikings included: Enos (9), Matt Duncel (9), Griffin Dean (7), Brigham (6), Collen (4), Devon Dawson (3), Bergan (2). Bergan had two interceptions and Dawson had one interception. Dean had one sack.

"We keep shooting ourselves in the foot with special teams and turnovers. In the end, the kids played hard and deserved the vic-

tory," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

The Vikings (4-1 overall, 3-0 conference) will host Harbor Springs on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 6 p.m.



Quarterback Zane Tobin, left, throws a pass during last Thursday's victory over the Elk Rapids Elks. Tyler Brigham, right, crosses the goal line for a TD on Thursday night vs. the Elks.



Tennis team plays at Harbor Springs

The Grayling High School tennis team played at Harbor Springs on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

"Our tennis team did not manage to win one game against Harbor Springs in last season's matchup. We did not have any

individual winners today, but we won 18 games as a team. I was proud of all of the kids tonight, they played hard and gave their best," Coach Scott Baker said.

Druc Kuhn lost 1-6, 3-6 at #2 singles. Will Fowler lost 2-6, 2-6

at #3 singles, and Emily Sloan lost 2-6, 2-6 at #4 singles.

The Vikings will play in the Lake Michigan Conference championship meet on Thursday, Oct. 2. The team's regional meet is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 9.

GRAYLING REDSKINS FOOTBALL

Varsity (8th grade) - The Grayling Redskins varsity squad lost 24-19 to Indian River at Redskins Field on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Brandon Handrich finished with 62 yards on 11 carries. Jeff Enos had four carries for 43 yards. Scott Parkinson had 52 yards on three carries. Ty Jensen had 76 yards on four carries. Jensen completed five passes for 103 yards.

"Indian River used their trap style offense very well against us. We struggled in our passing game. We really hurt ourselves with five fumbles (and) one interception. We were in their red zone four times and came away with no points," Coach Bob Jensen said. "But the boys battled back, and we missed our last on-side kick by inches. It was an exciting

game."

On Wednesday, Sept. 17, the Redskins defeated Roscommon 29-7 in a scrimmage game held at Redskins Field.

Enos had 80 yards and one TD on eight carries. Handrich carried the ball six times for 61 yards. Jensen had 38 yards on six carries. Jacob Cochrane ran for 20 yards on six carries. Mason Krey caught four passes for 49 yards and one TD. Parkinson had four receptions for 69 yards. Wesley Dean caught a 15-yard TD pass. Jensen completed nine of 13 pass attempts for 133 yards and three TDs. The Redskins had 332 yards of total offense.

"Defensive standouts (included) Handrich, Enos, (and) Jensen - all had multiple sacks," Coach Jensen

said.

"We came out fast and hard. Excellent play by the boys. When you have a defense that caused seven sacks and three fumbles, you have to feel good about the players and their hard work," Coach Jensen said.

Freshman 1 (5th and 6th grade) - The freshman 1 Grayling Redskins defeated Indian River's freshman 2 team 32-0 on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Gunner Metzger had 40 passing yards, 15 rushing yards, and two TDs - one passing and one rushing. Emmett Helsel rushed for 59 yards on seven carries with one TD. Danny Schultz rushed for 90 yards on four carries with one TD. Schultz also had a 20-yard receiving TD. Hailey Whittaker had seven carries

for 68 yards and one extra point run. Dallas Johnson had one catch for 20 yards. Ryan Schultz helped set up a Grayling TD with a 31-yard run.

The leading tacklers for the Redskins were: Zack Cheney (7), Helsel (6), D. Schultz (6), R. Schultz (5), Allen Iverson (5), Spenser Kent (3), Whittaker (3). Metzger, Jared Gailitis, Joseph Castillo, Alex Payne, Logan Myers, Mike Phipps, Johnson, Logan Duvall, Zane Pittman, and Dylan Stowell also had tackles for Grayling.

"Both offensively and defensively, we executed exceptionally well, only giving one first down and scoring on every drive," Coach Larry Duvall said.

"The kids came ready to play, and everybody contributed in every way," Coach Dale Metzger said.

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 08-7493-DE
Estate of MARY COUGHLIN
Date of birth: 12/16/1919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Coughlin, who lived at 3510 Ballybridge Circle, Bonita Springs, Florida died 4/30/2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ken Cowan, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Personal representative
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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Case No. 08-7573-CH

MICHAEL S. TOBIAS
Plaintiff,
v.
BRADLEY PRUITT AND KELLY
DUTY,
Defendants.

Michael T. Edwards (P54834)
Attorney for Plaintiff
522 West Main Street
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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE ON FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

Please take notice that a judicial foreclosure sale will take place on the 12th day of November 2008. This public sale shall take place at the Crawford County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. The property subject to this sale is described as being situated in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County and State of Michigan:

Lot 129, Twin Peaks No. 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, pages 35, Crawford County Records.

This sale is taking place pursuant to an order dated July 21st, 2008 signed by the Circuit Court Judge, Janet Allen.

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting September 9, 2008

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Little, Summers and Hartman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried. Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor and Fire Chief.

Correspondence: 3 pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:

Discussed several issues regarding the Higgins Lake Utility Authority. We will obtain an opinion from our attorney regarding holding a lease on said land or turning the land over to the Authority.

New Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to approve the proposed letter that will be sent to residents who visit the transfer site without a sticker on their windshield. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by Little to have this year's audit done by Keskin, Cook, Miller & Alexander, LLP from Gaylord. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to support the proposed Trailway concept and strategy that the Roscommon Rotary is proposing for a walking trail around Higgins Lake. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Balmes and seconded by

Hartman to sign a two year contract with our current Assessor. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to pay the AP invoices. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.
Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

UNOFFICIAL SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Held on September 15, 2008

Public Hearing was held to receive public comment on the Adoption of the Code of Ordinances from 7:00 P.M. - 7:05 P.M.

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were the Open Meetings Act as it relates to meeting in closed session to discuss legal matters without our attorney physically present, the 4th Annual Governmental Forum, Guest speaker Scott Trudeau at the October 9th DDA Meeting, An ad placed with regards to the joint meeting with the City Council and the Grayling Charter Township Board, A National Award for the Stormwater Project, Police Department Staffing and a new business located in the Industrial Park.

Approval of the Code of Ordinances Adopting Ordinance.

Review of Reports
Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Agendas can be found on our Web site:
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MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory Cain and Cynthia Cain a/k/a Cynthia A. Cain, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2005 and recorded October 13, 2005 in Liber 677, Page 856, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-BC1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and 37/100 Dollars (\$66,390.37) including interest at 11.1% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 15, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 4, Plat of Brink's Park, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 33, Crawford County Records, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: September 11, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 306.1755
-11-18-25-2

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by PHILIP L. HUTTER, A SINGLE MAN and RACHEL M. BANNAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 20, 2006, and recorded on September 22, 2006, in Liber 683, on Page 337, and assigned by said mortgagee to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$153,665.28), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on October 15, 2008

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 55, SHERWOOD FOREST NO. 2, TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 15, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 4, 2008
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
-11-18-25-2

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Kean, a married man and Mary Elizabeth Reese, his wife, by Colleen A. Kean, their attorney in fact, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 21, 2006 and recorded August 29, 2008 in Liber 692, Page 857, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-One and 59/100 Dollars (\$87,381.59) including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 22, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 675, Indian Glens of the Au-Sable Number 6, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4, Page 1, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: September 18, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 285.507
-18-25-2-9

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Edward C. Robinson II and Barbara M. Robinson, husband and wife, 4923 E. N. Downriver Rd., Grayling, MI, Mortgageors, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation nka Green Tree Servicing, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 6th day of October, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of October, 1997 in Liber 439 of Crawford County Records, page 409, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Eight & 82/100 (\$52,228.82), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of October, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.490% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 18 and 19, Riverside Subdivision, Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 61 and 62, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 9/4/2008
North Central Area Credit Union
Mortgagee
-4-11-18-25

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Dated: 9/25/2008
Green Tree Servicing, LLC, 1400 Turbine Dr., Rapids City, SD 57113
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Green Tree Servicing, LLC,

1400 Turbine Dr., Rapids City, SD 57113
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800
Troy, MI 48084
248-362-2600

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Janet G. Varney-Small, a married woman and David Small, a married man, Mortgageors, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 30th day of July, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 26th day of September, 2003 in Liber 654 of Crawford County Records, page 19, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Eight & 01/100 (\$53,548.01), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of October, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 5.50% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 18 and 19, Riverside Subdivision, Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 61 and 62, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

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Dated: 9/4/2008
North Central Area Credit Union
Mortgagee
-4-11-18-25

-11-18-25-2

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Richard E. Wise and Valerie Wise, husband and wife as joint tenants of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgageors to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems as nominee for MILA, Inc., DBA Mortgage Investment Lending Associates, Inc., dated the 24th day of October, A.D. 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 1st day of November, A.D. 2005, Liber 678, Page 205 of Crawford Records, which said mortgage was assigned to US Bank National Association ND, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$78,721.37 (seventy-eight thousand seven hundred twenty-one and 37/100) plus accrued interest at 8.80% (eight point eight zero) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 15th day of October, A.D., 2008, at 10:00:00 AM o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan:
Lot 10, PINE GROVE, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 58, Crawford County Records.
Commonly known as: 107 Dale Street

PPN: 040-45-660-00-010-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 11, 2008

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48064
WWR# 10015652

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE SNOWPLOWING BIDS

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP will receive bids for the snowplowing of Lovells Township Hall, Fire Hall and Transfer Station sites #1 and #2 for the 2008-2009 season until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at the Township Hall offices.

Evidence of insurance must accompany all bids.

Snowplowing specifications can be obtained at the Township Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. We can also be reached by calling 989 348-9215.

The township board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to other than low bidders, and in general to make the award in any manner deemed by it, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of Lovells Township.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael E Burns and Anita Burns, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 11, 2004, and recorded on August 13, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 985, and modified by agreement dated January 20, 2006, and recorded on January 27, 2006 in Liber 679 on Page 628, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Huntington National Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine And 82/100 Dollars (\$77,989.82), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 22, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 661, Indian Glens of the Ausable, Unit 6, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of plats, pages 1-14, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 18, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #202223F01

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ronald Kage and Patricia Kage, Husband and Wife to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for NovaStar Mortgage, Inc, Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2006 and recorded July 25, 2006 in Liber 682 Page 480 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2006-4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$107,734.76) including interest 9.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on November 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Township of South Branch, SN883, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Section 29, The West one-half of the West one-half of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter, 5 acre, more or less.

Commonly known as 1601 E Pioneer Rd, Roscommon MI 48653
The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 25, 2008
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2006-4,

Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Or File No: 08-98813

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by ALISHA A. CARLISLE and MICHAEL R. CALKINS as Mortgagors, to NORTH-LAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated October 19, 2005, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on October 21, 2005, in Liber 677 at Page 979, and upon which Mortgage is claimed be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$67,604.02, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 10 a.m., at the main entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 11.20 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Lovells, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Lots 258 and 259, Northern Heights NO.2, Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 35, 36 and 37, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: September 3, 2008
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack D. Leech and Carol Leech, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 2, 2006, and recorded on April 26, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 179, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-3 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Six And 07/100 Dollars (\$425,876.07), including interest at 8.7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 15, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 26 North, Range 1 West, lying West of a line described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said East 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes East 232.7 feet to a place of beginning; thence North 06 degrees 55 minutes East 632.45 feet; thence North 08 degrees 21 minutes East 255.6 feet; thence North 11 degrees 20 minutes East to the North line of said East 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4; except the North 75 feet of said description; lying East of the Middle Thread of the Ausable River, said 75 feet being measured parallel to center of Country Road #158.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 11, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #219560F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William C Long and Alita R Long, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage- MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2007, and recorded on September 5, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 393, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen And 53/100 Dollars (\$83,417.53), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 29, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 04, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 25, 2008

For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #222304F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Therese A. Miller, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated September 25, 2002, and recorded on October 2, 2002 in Liber 598 on Page 31, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Seven And 15/100 Dollars (\$60,307.15), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 22, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot: 4, Block: 30, Subdivision: Roffee's Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 18, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #213794F02

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by: ROBERT W. NELSON and CAROL A. NELSON, husband and wife, whose address is 1566 Shipman Street, Oxford, Michigan 48371, as mortgagor to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. CENTRAL MICHIGAN, f/k/a INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. EAST MICHIGAN, a Michigan banking Corporation, of 4200 E. Beltline Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525, as mortgagee, dated March 19, 2004, and recorded in the office of Crawford County Register of Deeds on June 22, 2004, in Liber 669, Page 350 Crawford County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and 12/100

(\$63,935.12) dollars, the mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on **Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the East Front Door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738 (that being the building where the Crawford County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest charges at the rate of 6.0% and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law or contract and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and described as follows, to wit:

The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 25 North, Range 1 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan. (Tax ID No.: 20-061-026-011-040-00). (Commonly known as: 10945 F-97 County Road, South Branch, MI 48761).

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A. 600.3240(10), unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: September 25, 2008
Independent Mortgage Company f/k/a Independent Mortgage Co. East Michigan, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee
4200 East Beltline Road
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Drafted by: Phoebe J. Moore, Stephens & Moore
Attorneys at Law
121 W. Grant St., Ste. #2
Caro, MI 48723
(989) 672-4255

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chad G Noffsinger a/k/a Chad Noffsinger and Elizabeth L Noffsinger, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 16, 2004, and recorded on June 21, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 296, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five And 44/100 Dollars (\$91,275.44), including interest at 10.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on

November 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 28 and the South 1/2 of Lot 29, East Branch Estates, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 2, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #223165F01

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Wineman and Corinna Wineman, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Beneficial Michigan Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2007, and recorded on February 27, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 456, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nine And 10/100 Dollars (\$87,209.10), including interest at 11.365% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence North 4 rods; thence West 40 rods; thence South 4 rods; thence East 40 rods to the point of beginning. Being part of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, all in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 2, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #196286F02

Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals to hold public hearing

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, October 20th, 2008, at 7 p.m., in the town hall to hear public comment on the following zoning requests:

Case No. 08-05
Petitioner: DeWitt Builders/Todd & Rita Wilson
Address: PO Box 828
Roscommon, MI 48653
Local Address: 1583 Malcolm Drive
Property ID# 040-45-763-05-015-00
Location: T26N, R4W, Sec. 09
Parcel size: 17,000 square feet
Zoning: General Residential (R2)

Non-conformances: Existing home constructed 5-feet from south property line.

Request: Construct new wraparound deck to come within 5-feet on south and 2.5-feet on north. **Variance required is a 55-foot south side variance and a 7.5-foot north side variance.**

Ordinance Authority: (1) Ordinance 2003-02, Section 17.01

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Terry R. Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

Last Day to Register to Vote for General Election

Notice of last day of registration for the electors of:
Beaver Creek Township
Lovells Township
South Branch Township
Frederic Township
Maple Forest Township
Grayling Charter Township
City of Grayling

All electors are hereby given notice **THE GENERAL ELECTION** will be held in the above Townships/City in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Electors who wish to vote in the General Election must be registered to vote **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008**. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office or the Township or City Clerk's office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE:
During Regular Business hours 8:30 - 4:30 - Monday through Friday.

Oct. 6, 2008 - Last day for Electors to Register with County Clerk at 4:00 p.m.
Electors who wish to register with the Township or City Clerks are advised to call ahead for office hours:

Sharon K. Hartman - Beaver Creek Township Clerk 275-8878
Nancy Bindschattel - Frederic Township Clerk 348-8778
Monica S. Ashton - Grayling Charter Township Clerk 348-4361
Cheryl Hopp- Lovells - Township Clerk 348-9215
Sandra Baynham - Maple Forest Township Clerk 348-5794
Lynn George - South Branch Township Clerk 275-8232
Michele Moshier - Grayling City Clerk 348-2131

SANDRA MOORE
COUNTY CLERK

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
October 3, 1985

A 1,500-acre tract of land, which includes Wakeley Lake, may be sold to the federal government. The 1,500 acres in Grayling Township belongs to Andrew Kalman, of Dearborn, who is looking to sell the land to a private organization, Trust for Public Land. Trust for Public Land, once acquiring the land, would then sell it to the federal government and the 1,500 acres would become part of the Huron-Manistee National Forest.

The Grayling girls basketball team played outstanding defense to bump off Boyne City by a 41-21 score. Grayling held Boyne to just 28 shots in the first half and scored seven lay-ups after several steals.

Fatal traffic accidents dropped 30 percent in the two months following the passage of the Michigan seat belt law. Secretary of State Richard Austin told a Grayling audience the information on a Friday at Chief Shoppenagons Hotel.

Georgia-Pacific Corp. has named Farmington Hills based Swanson Environmental Inc. (SEI) to conduct an environmental assessment of the company's proposed resin facility in the Grayling area. Last month, Georgia-Pacific officials announced plans to construct the new facility on Four Mile Road in

Beaver Creek Township, adjacent to the Weyerhaeuser "Structurwood" Plant.

Touchdown passes led the scoring Friday as Rogers City beat Grayling in football by a score of 38-13. Rogers City had three touchdown passes and Grayling scored twice through the air. Klinger threw to Don Brooks for Grayling's final score in the fourth quarter. Jeff Wolcott led the Grayling runners with 32 yards and 11 carries, Tom Miller earned 30 yards and 12 carries and Klinger connected on 10 of 20 passes to five receivers. On defense, Jim Laurent led the team with 18 tackles, Rick Sprague had 12, and Brooks, Jim Knight, Keene and Duncan each had eight tackles.

All five members of the Lovells Township Board face a recall election on Tuesday, Oct. 8. The polling place will be at the Lovells Township Hall.

Jim's Farm Market has 10 lbs. of Michigan potatoes for 69¢, and buttercup, acorn and butternut squash three for \$1 this week.

46 Years Ago
October 4, 1962

The Women's National Bear Hunt will take place this weekend on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6 and Oct. 7. The headquarters will be at Dingman's Tavern. All women are invited to join the hunt. No husbands are allowed to follow, but they are invited to the

wiener roast on the river to be held Saturday evening. A bear hunt queen will be chosen and presented with a \$25 gift certificate. The women hunters will be accompanied by trained guides handling the best in bear dogs.

Last Friday at Pellston, the Grayling Viking football team absorbed a one sided 68 - 7 trouncing. The Vikings scored early in the game on a five yard run by Jim Young, but the Hornets moved out to a 36 - 7 lead at half-time and were never in trouble. Jack Harney and Eddie Robertson turned in stellar performances for Grayling on defense and Tom Wright gathered five passes. Quarterback Bill Joseph and Young sparkled on what little offense the Vikings were able to show.

Grayling High School principal Elmer Fenton is attending Central Michigan University on Saturdays, working on his doctorate.

Larry McNamara and Clyde Peterson left Thursday morning for a 10 day moose hunt in northern Canada.

Dot's Doll House, 303 Chestnut St., is having a special on permanents. All \$10 waves are now \$8.95 and all \$15 and \$12 waves are now \$10.

Glen's Market has Velveeta cheese, a 2 lb. loaf for 79¢, chicken breasts for 59¢ per lb. and Northern toilet tissue four rolls for 29¢.

69 Years Ago
October 5, 1939

Friday afternoon, October 6,

Grayling High School inaugurates football after an absence of many years, with a game against Roscommon at the local gridiron. This is Roscommon's first year for football also and a close game should result. This game will feature six man football, although it is planned that the regulation 11 man will be played later on in the season.

Joseph Pentrack, of Detroit, was in Grayling last week and purchased from George Stanley and Herbert Walthers the Plaza Grill restaurant. Mr. Pentrack says he will not come to Grayling for the present, but will continue his business in Detroit. In the meantime, the restaurant will be operated by Frank LaMotte.

The senior play, "Porterhouse Stake", is underway and under the direction of Miss Hane. The cast of players consists of Natalie Peterson, Bill Kraus, John Deckrow, Ruth Burrows, Arline Laage, Ebbie Olson, Jack Hull, Robert Herbison, Frank Jensen, Gloria McNeven and Mary Jane Joseph.

92 Years Ago
October 5, 1916

Julius Nielson dug a cellar on Monday, which was 28 x 40 feet on Michigan Avenue, for a new brick home for Emil Kraus.

John R. Skingley of Wellington has purchased the Edgewood Inn at Higgins Lake. He is having it nicely remodeled and repaired, and with his wife, will conduct a first class hostelry.

PUZZLES SUDOKU

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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Pumpkin Raisin Bars

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. cloves
1 cup oil
4 eggs
1/2 cup chopped nuts

1/2 cup raisins
1 (15-oz.) can (2 cups) pumpkin
Frosting:
1/3 cup softened butter
1 tablespoon milk

Prep Time: 15 Min

2 cups powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 (3-oz.) package cream
cheese, softened

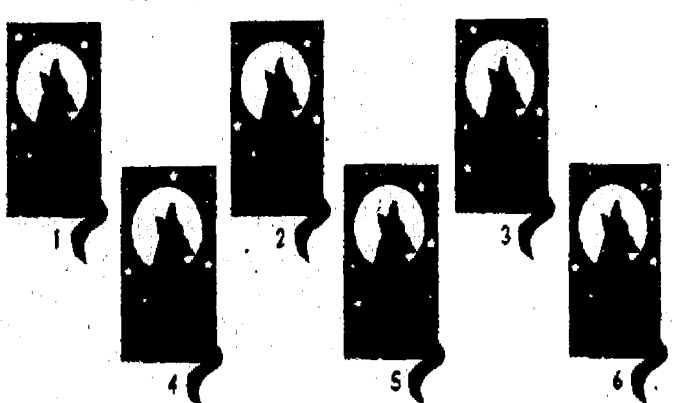
Directions: Heat oven to 350° F. Grease 15"x10"x1" jelly roll pan. Combine all bar ingredients, except nuts and raisins, in a large bowl. Beat at low speed until moistened. Beat two minutes at medium speed. Stir in nuts and raisins. Pour into greased pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely. Spread cream cheese frosting over bars and store in refrigerator. **Frosting:** Combine all frosting ingredients in a small bowl and beat until smooth. Spread frosting on cooled bars and refrigerate.

Makes 48 bars

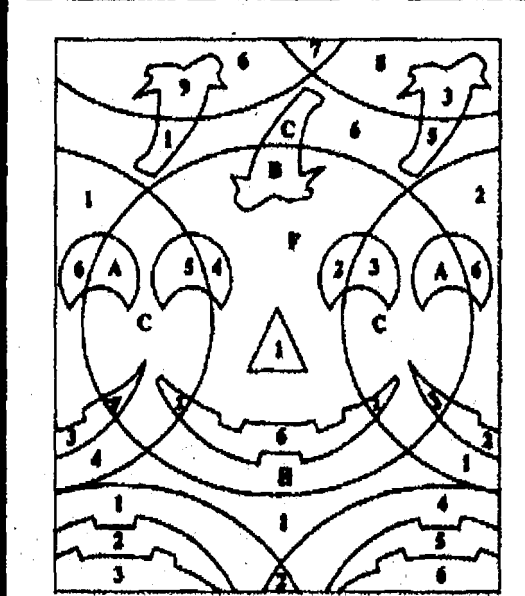


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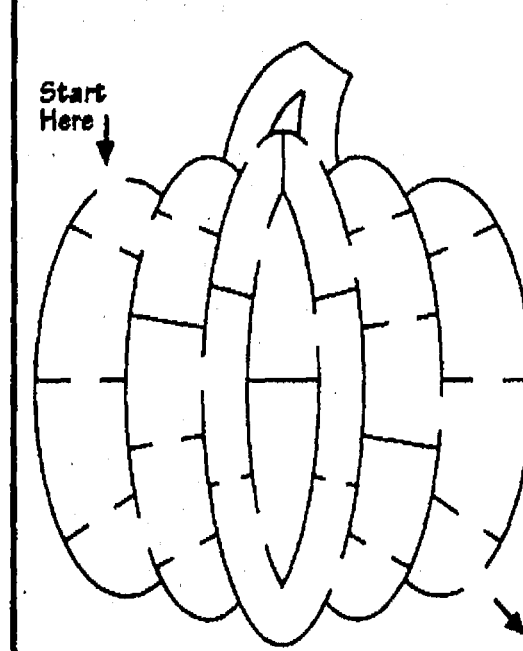


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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
9/23	73	44	0						
9/24	77	43	0						
9/25	78	49	0.06	High 54	High 60	High 63	High 63	High 63	High 65
9/26	76	48	0	Low 32	Low 36	Low 35	Low 37	Low 38	Low 40
9/27	78	41	0						
9/28	76	41	0	Few Showers	Few Showers	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Scattered Showers	Showers
9/29	58	46	0						

HOROSCOPES

For the week of October 2, 2008



December 22-January 19

Chop-chop, Capricorn. A situation at home cannot be avoided any longer. Let your conscience be your guide and do what's best for all involved.



March 21-April 19

Swallow your pride, Aries, or prepare for progress on a project to stop. Colder temperatures inspire you to make some last-minute changes to a home design. Good luck.



June 22-July 22

Brutal, Cancer. Emotions explode at work and everyone around you becomes super sensitive. Keep to yourself until the combination dies down. A package arrives.



September 23-October 22

Show your gratitude, Libra, or get ready to lose some perks. A repair at home begs for your attention. Put on your thinking cap and come up with a creative solution.



January 20-February 18

A friend assures you that everything is fine, but all evidence points to the contrary. It may be time to do a little investigative work, Aquarius.



April 20-May 20

Uh-oh, Taurus. The implementation of a plan at work hits a snag. Work quickly to smooth things over and move forward. A task at home is no walk in the park.



July 23-August 22

A colleague pushes you to your limits. It's ok to bite back and let everyone know that you are not fair game. An activity runs its course at home.



October 23-November 21

Finally, Scorpio. You get that starry look in your eyes and dreams once forgotten are reached. A web of lies builds at work. Don't be a cover for anyone involved.



February 19-March 20

Fatigue sets in and you must find time for a much-needed break. You can't help others if you can't help yourself, Pisces. A windfall makes life easier.



May 21-June 21

An ailing family member receives good news. Invite them out to lunch to celebrate, Gemini. Greenbacks begin to flow in. Put them where they will make the most difference.



August 23-September 22

Troubles multiply, but nothing is as bad as you think, Virgo. Some things, in fact, will clear up on their own. Participate in an activity to take your mind off matters.



November 22-December 21

Someone new comes into your life. Be cautious, Sagittarius. They may not have your best interests at heart. A health problem is relieved once and for all.

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2. For Rent

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1. Real Estate



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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

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1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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2. For Rent

FOR RENT 3 bedroom mobile, washer and dryer, \$450 per month plus utilities and deposit. 348-2466. (9/25/08tf/2)

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2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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8. Announcements

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GRAYROCK CAFE OCT. 7, 2008 - 8:30 PM
The Crawford County Republican Committee will host a gathering at 8:30 p.m. at Grayrock Cafe, off Industrial Drive to watch the Presidential Debate (9:00 p.m.) on the Big Screen, on Tuesday, October 7, 2008. Senators John McCain and Barack Obama will be at a Town Hall debate in Belmont University, in Nashville, TN, with moderator Tom Brokaw. Local candidates will be in attendance as well as our 1st District Representative in Congress, candidate Tom Casperson and State Representative, candidate Peter Pettalia. Please join the party for a positive energizing time and enjoy good food and friends.
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WANTED Any homeowner living on or off of Roberts Road that would like it repaved. Need signatures on petition. Please call Laura Schans 344-2313. (-2/6)

7. Miscellaneous

LOST KEYS While walking around Grayling. Please contact 989-710-0277. (-18-25-2/7)

MOTORCYCLES 1981 Suzuki, 250 cc, \$200. 2005 Yamaha, 80 cc, like new, one owner, \$950, accessories. 989-390-2315. (-2/7)

8. Announcements

LOST Gold necklace with diamond heart pendant. Reward. Call 348-8891. (-2/7)

8. Announcements

BEAVER CREEK HAUNTED WOODS October 10, 11, 17, 18; 24, 25, 30 and 31 from dark till 11 p.m. Held at Beaver Creek Township, Fletcher and South Grayling Roads. \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Call 348-4737. Free donuts and cider. (-18-25-2-9-16/8)

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07/tf/8)

AUSABLE VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. at the shelter located at the old Crawford County Fairgrounds in Grayling. (-2/8)

ESTATE/MOVING AUCTION October 4, 10 a.m. Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Furniture; glass; porcelain; sterling flatware; WWI estate items; garage, shop & outside; sportsman; guns; 1957 Ford tractor; old Town Guide canoe; Jayco pop-up camper; go cart; coins & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-844-8515. www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-2/8)

HALL FOR RENT American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. Newly remodeled, smoke free. All occasions. Contact manager 348-7232. (-18-2-16-30-13-27-11-25/8)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Will be hosted by St. Francis Episcopal Church on Sunday, October 5, 2008, at 2 p.m. at its location on M-72, just west of Grayling. Rev. Elizabeth Chace will bless and give thanks for the wonderful animals in our lives. All pets must be under the control of their owner, or bring a favorite toy or belonging to be blessed if a pet is unable to attend. A goodwill offering will be accepted, with all proceeds to benefit the Ausable Valley Animal Shelter. (-2/8)

BUY YOURSELF or that special someone unique items at the Fall Arts & Crafts show, October 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Grayling Elementary School. Admission \$1. (-2/8)

ELECT ALBERT "MIKE" INGALLS For Grayling Township Constable. Paid for by committee to elect Albert Ingalls, 1049 Heather Lane, Grayling. (-2-9-16-23/8)

RUG HOOKING CLASS Now offered at the Brickery, all skill levels welcome. October 16, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. First class includes supplies and lesson. 989-348-8999. Call for reservations. (-2-9/8)

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9. Personals

ADOPT Loving, financially secure married couple hoping to adopt newborn. Please call Brian & Jaimie, 877-610-1802. (-25-2-6-9-16-23-30/9)

10. Garage Sale

RUMMAGE SALE Wednesday, October 8, at Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Office chairs and computers. (-2/10)

YORTY'S ANTIQUES & BOOKS Open Saturdays noon to 5 p.m. 25,000 used books, huge stock antiques. Co. Rd. 200, by West Branch Bank at Higgins Lake. 989-821-9240. (-25-2-9-16/10)

GARAGE SALE October 3rd and 4th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wood shop tools, shop tools, some furniture and lots of misc. Something for everyone. 6736 W. Turner Trail, off Old Dam Rd., first Turner Trail on the left before the bridge. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE October 3 & 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1698 Stephan Bridge Rd. Aluminum duck boat and trailer, duck decoys, guns, fishing equipment, bows, tools, skeet thrower and skeets, steamer trunks, furniture, antiques and lots more. (-2/10)

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ONE DAY ONLY Saturday, 10/14/08, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fall & winter items, beer fridge and more. 3397 River Park Drive off Wilcox Bridge Road. (-2/10)

MOVING SALE Inside house, 705 Erie St., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lots of Christmas items, great gifts, Goose Bumps books in excellent condition and twin bed with book shelf headboard, like new. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE Friday, October 3rd, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, October 4th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Townleys, 301 Stuart Place in Mobile Estates. 10 inch table saw on stand, air compressor, 42 inch pull behind lawn sweeper, couch, single bed, high chairs, dish set, books, picture frames, stuffed animals, lots of misc. and a 22 foot Coachman Class C motor home. (-2/10)

9. Personals

~ THANK YOU ~
To all my beloved family and friends for surprising me with the great birthday party. There is nothing better than a beautiful day with beautiful people.

A special thank you to my hosts Mary and Dennis Marelich. Thank you, also to all those who could not make it, for your cards and gifts.

My wish for others has always been that they will be kind, thoughtful and generous. I guess wishes really do come true. Thank you all once again.

~ Joan Neal

10. Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE 212 Alger St. Girls, boys, toddler, baby clothes, kitchen, household. Something for everyone. One day only, October 2, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10790 S. Grayling Rd. 10 a.m. - ? (-2/10)

11. Automotive

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